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Three miss NSW v. Victoria

Victoria will miss Alan Davidson, George Christopoulos and Yanka Banovic in its match against NSW at Olympic Park No. 2 ground on Sunday at 3 pm.

The three players are with the Australian team competing in the Oceania Cup in Noumea.

NSW coach Leo Baumgartner has named a squad made up only of State League players.

The squads, with shirt numbers, for the first match between the States in 10 years are:

VICTORIA

1. P. Launero
2. S. Short (Croatia)
3. J. Tansy (Heidelberg)
4. J. Yarnold (Heidelberg)
5. S. Katsika (Croatia)
6. J. Campbell (Heidelberg)
7. J. Trant (Croatia)
8. J. Rooney (Heidelberg)
9. C. Gilder (Croatia)
10. J. Piccone (U.S.T.)
11. T. Cumming (Croatia)
12. J. Williams (Slavia)
13. J. Gardiner (Croatia)
14. J. Paton (Heidelberg)
15. G. Cole (Heidelberg)
16. N. Mitten (Croatia)

NEW SOUTH WALES

1. S. Watson (Croatia)
2. P. Thomson (Bankstown)
3. W. Palmer (Syd Olympic)
4. S. McDonald (Croatia)
5. P. Mullin (Croatia)
6. N. Williams (Marrickville)
7. C. Hall (Marrickville)
8. J. Farrugia (M. Mite E)
9. A. Scott (Syd Olympic)
10. B. Capal (Croatia)
11. C. Carey (Syd Olympic)
12. D. Daley (Bankstown)
13. N. Davis (Bankstown)
14. F. Laydon (North Sydney)
15. P. Carter (Ashurn)

Reserve goalkeeper: P. Wilson (Syd Olympic)

WE'RE GETTING INTO A MESS AGAIN

In America they say that soccer is a kick in the grass. In Australia at present, soccer needs a hefty kick in the you know where.

For slowly but surely the game once more is getting itself into a mess.

All the warning signs are out. They must not be ignored.

The most pathetic part of it all, is that the present crisis has come at a time when soccer should

be making inroads into the opposition.

Once again the limitations of our administrators have been exposed. Nothing in this department has changed since Captain Cook discovered the place umpteen years ago.



TOM ANDERSON

On the surface, we are led to believe that everything in the garden is rosy, with big TV deals, sponsorship and other wonderful things about to take place.

But a close look under the surface shows great cracks beginning to show in the foundations. It is a situation that must be remedied and not swept under the carpet.

Just look at the present scene—

- The proposed centenary tournament in tatters through the withdrawal of Wales and Yugoslavia.

• England not sending its top team here after all for the big centenary game against the Socceroos at the SCG on May 31.

• A big haggle over the proposed TV deal because the ABC already has the rights to the 1982 and 1986 World Cups signed up.

• Everything is far from well in the Philips League, with suggestions of breakaways and rebellion among the clubs.

• A number of key national team players not yet naturalised and therefore in doubt for World Cup games.

• National coach Rudi Gutendorf far from happy with the "help" he is getting, or to be precise, not getting from some officials.

I could continue the list but it would hurt my heart to do so.

In taking a closer look at some of the points I have mentioned, one finds some inexcusable actions on the part of our administrators.

The system — if any — of bringing touring teams here must be completely re-organised, as the present set up is a mess. All it does is embarrass the code and everyone connected with it.

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Change or die —grim warning

THE vested interests of State federations are stifling many of the progressive ideas of Philips League clubs, the president of Sydney City, Frank Lowy, claimed in his report to the club's recent annual general meeting.

He forecast a bleak future for soccer in general "until there are radical changes to the control and administration" of the code in Australia.

The outspoken attack was aimed at the Australian Soccer Federation. It is made up of State delega-



Frank Lowy

tes, with the PSL itself having little say in the running of the game in this country.

"Policy at ASF level towards the PSL is by no means as progressive as it should be, and the league finds itself in competition with the various States, which in fact control the

national Federation," Lowy told the small gathering of Hakoah Club members.

"The problems we are faced with are not just those of our club but problems of the code and the administration of the game itself, as presently constituted in this country."

Lowy claimed that many of the ASF's actions are "to the detriment of soccer generally".

As an example, he mentioned "a tendency for State and national teams — not to mention visiting international teams — to be glamorised and boosted to the skies, while the clubs who provide the players bleed every week on the field for lack of support and promotion."

"The big, highly-publicised matches and even successful overseas tours by the Socceroos, have, unfortunately, very little spin-off for the clubs, even while they make the 'roof' of Australian soccer look good."

"In the meantime the foundations are very shaky and in danger of collapse," Lowy warned.

He expressed the hope that the ASF will recognise the problems and takes steps to correct them, before it is "too late".

The Sydney City president called for universal recognition of the fact that Australian soccer's strength depends on the strength of its clubs.

Problems in attracting crowds of a notable size in Sydney were highlighted by Lowy, who admitted his own club's failure in this respect.

He urged that the problem be alleviated by a joint effort of the PSL clubs and the ASF itself, and demanded that everybody take on a fair share of the financial burden involved.

By
PETER SCOTT



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Ampol Cup
to Croatia

Player-coach John Gardiner holds up the Victorian Ampol Cup which Essendon Croatia won by beating Heidelberg United 2-1 in the final on Saturday. Standing, from left: Blazby, Trant, Kokoska, Murphy, Gardiner, Short (front), Gilder (rear), Mitten, Klarin, Batinovic, Kovac. Front: Gojevic, Cumming, Culina, Istuk, Pavlovic (official). Picture by LES SHORROCK

Sydney's no longer the soccer capital

Many supporters of Newcastle KB United expected me to retire at the end of last season, thinking it was the natural thing for a player to do once he is on the wrong side of 30.

Retirement perhaps crossed my mind during the closed season, but I knew I would regret my decision if I quit soccer. I'd be pretty sorry if I gave the game away and then decided halfway through the season that I wanted to play again.

It's harder to keep fit once you're over 30 but I don't mind putting in the extra work. I train 12 months of the year and find that I'm as fit as anyone else once the season is in full swing. When I do stop playing, I want to be sure I'm doing the right thing. The time to retire comes when a player loses his place, finds training a great strain and has no more enthusiasm for soccer. Age has nothing to do with it, and I'm certainly keen to keep going with Newcastle. The past seasons have been my most enjoyable in club soccer. I haven't had so much enthusiasm since the days of the 1973-74 World Cup when I represented Australia.

Joining Newcastle two seasons ago gave me a new lease of life. I've always been a Newcastle boy, through and through, and it was a great thrill to play for my hometown club in the national league.

Even when I was playing in Sydney, I lived in Newcastle. I couldn't settle in Sydney and so I had to make the 300 km round trip to play with Western Suburbs. I played in Sydney soccer for eight years and during that time the city was the capital of Australian soccer. All the best players and top coaches were with Sydney

clubs, which were the richest and strongest in the country.

In the past, the Australian national coach would be based in Sydney and rarely would have to leave the city because the entire national team played in the NSW State League.

But Sydney is no longer the centre of Australian soccer and I can't see too much hope for Sydney soccer in the future.

Most Sydney clubs are struggling to attract big crowds and are not as strong as they used to be.

And now the country's best players aren't all based in Sydney. Also you'll find top coaches in Newcastle, Melbourne, Adelaide and other cities.

The problem is that there's too much to do in Sydney. The public has many forms of entertainment on the weekends and Sydney soccer is suffering because of this.

There is some following for soccer in Sydney and these people want to see good soccer games. Unfortunately, there are too many Philips League clubs in Sydney trying to attract these people.

Marconi is able to draw 6,000 spectators regularly but after that there's not much. APLA can draw fair crowds

By COL CURRAN



On the Ball The Player's Viewpoint



but Sydney City and St. George have poor support. Sydney Olympic had a following when it was winning games but the club is out of the PSL and will find it hard to attract spectators.

Newcastle is the boom city in Australian soccer. I'm not saying Newcastle is the capital of the game, but no doubt the town has the best soccer supporters in the land.

The sports-minded people of Newcastle are now right into soccer. Not long ago the English Rugby League team played in Newcastle but drew only 2,500 spectators.

On the same day, Utd was watched by 12,500 fans at the International Sports Centre. Remember, Rugby League is supposed to be very strong

in the area. I think the League administrators are pretty worried by the grip soccer now has on Newcastle.

The Newcastle Utd directors are doing a magnificent job, working night and day to promote soccer in the city.

Newcastle Utd is the best supported soccer club in Australia, and the Sydney clubs must be green with envy.

And it's not just the fans. Newcastle has players like Arno Bertogna, Joe Senkalski and Peter Tredinnick, who have played for Australia under Rudi Gutendorf.

Newcastle fans love nothing better than to see a local boy do well in the PSL, then go on to play with the national team.

Melbourne is playing a bigger part than before in Australian soccer. The results of the Victorian State team

against top overseas clubs have been wonderful.

Many Australian team players are based in Melbourne and the rest of Australia is perhaps looking to Melbourne as the new centre.

The success of Newcastle should encourage PSL teams to start in Wollongong, Perth, Hobart and other major centres where soccer could take off, and replace a couple of the Sydney clubs.

Newcastle Utd's third season in the national league could be its most successful yet. If the team can repeat its performance against Czechoslovakia, we'll have an excellent season.

In the first half against Czechoslovakia, Newcastle put on the best display of any club team I've played in. Everything we tried came off and we had the Czechs down 3-1 at half time.

We played some great soccer but unfortunately our lack of condition meant we couldn't keep it up. The Czechs bought on a couple of experienced players and it was only a matter of time before they scored goals.

Newcastle lost 5-3, but it was a great result for the club against the European champion.

Newcastle can improve this season if we don't give away so many silly goals. Last season the defence tended to lose concentration at the vital time, and a couple of times we surrendered 2-0 or 3-0 leads, and had to scramble a draw.

With the addition of Paul Reaney, the defence will be more composed and hopefully will not concede so many silly goals.

The arrival of Reaney is a great boost to me. When I was younger I tried to model myself on Reaney when he played with Leeds Utd.

Terry Cooper, a team mate of Reaney's at Leeds, was another player on whom I modelled myself.

Reaney has so much experience, and everyone at Newcastle will benefit. Even though I'm nearing the end of my career, I can learn from him and I'm looking forward to playing alongside the former England international.

Tony Dunne, the former Manchester Utd full back, had a great influence on me as a youngster. Ray Baartz and I spent a year with Manchester Utd in 1965 and Dunne was of tremendous help, giving me hints on full back play and pointing out my errors.

My year at Manchester Utd as a professional was an important part of my career. You learn so much when you eat, drink and sleep soccer, and I returned to Australia much wiser.

Perhaps I should have stayed longer but homesickness and the cold weather drove me back to Newcastle. Still,

I will not forget my 12 months in England.

I'm looking forward to scoring a few more goals this season. My goalscoring is one thing that has improved since I joined Newcastle and I like nothing more than to hit the back of the net.

In the past two seasons I have scored 11 goals, compared with only three in eight seasons before that. A slight improvement, you will note! However, the improved scoring rate hasn't come because I've been attacking more. In fact, I've played more defensively since joining Newcastle.

When I played with Western Suburbs and the Australian national team, I was attacking all the time. But when it came to scoring the goals, there were always other players to finish off the chances.

Ken Boden scored many goals for Newcastle in the past two seasons, but I have been given responsibility for taking free kicks near goal. I've always had a strong shot and I enjoy the chance of having a break.

And because I don't move upfield so much these days, when I do get the chance to move forward I'll shoot on sight. I'm willing to let go with a shot as soon as I'm in range and luckily I've been pretty successful over the past two seasons.

I suppose deep down I'm a frustrated forward but that doesn't mean I don't like playing in defence. However, I'd like to be able to get in 10 shots at goal in every game.

Of course, Newcastle has many other players capable of scoring goals. Joe Senkalski is brilliant at attacking from the midfield, and will get a few this season.

Joe is set for a long career at Newcastle, even though he was unlucky in suffering an injury on the tour of China by the Australian team.

Peter Tredinnick is another youngster with a lot of promise, but he must be encouraged.

I was alarmed when Tredinnick and Bertogna returned to Newcastle from an Australian training camp recently with their confidence shot to pieces.

Apparently coach Gutendorf had got stuck into them and they were demoralised. Young players shouldn't be treated like this.

I haven't got a lot of time for Rudi Gutendorf after my first experience with him. He selected me to play against New Zealand in Auckland last year, and although Australia lost 1-0, I didn't think I went too badly.

New Zealand played very well and would have beaten any opponent that night.

After the match, Gutendorf was quoted in a Newcastle newspaper saying he would give me another chance in the Australian team.

However, I wasn't selected to play against Partizan Belgrade, and haven't been looked at since.

Gutendorf didn't tell me the New Zealand match would be my first and last under him, and didn't tell me why I wasn't given another chance, after he was quoted as saying I would be.

In my opinion, he doesn't communicate with his players enough. He gave us no clear instructions in New Zealand and from what I have gathered, he still doesn't tell the players exactly what he wants.

And how can he expect to form a strong national team if he is chopping and changing all the time?

Gutendorf could take a leaf out of Rale Rasic's book. Rasic was a very good man with players, and told them exactly what was happening.

Rasic had the players' respect and so he was able to take Australia to the World Cup finals in West Germany.



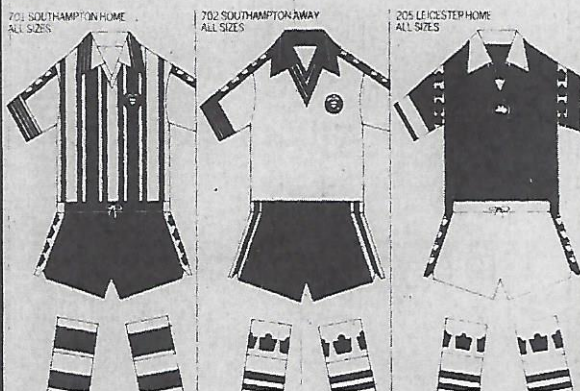
Col Curran (left) and KB team mate Bill Summerscales combine to foil Dragan Vasic of Footscray J.U.S.T.

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Heidelberg meets J.U.S.T. Saturday

Footscray J.U.S.T. and Heidelberg United will play a practice match at Schintler Reserve, Footscray, on Saturday at 4 pm.

Curtain-raiser at 2.30 pm is between the Second Division teams of the two clubs.

Victorian youth representative Tim Vukovic, 18, of Melbourne, has been training with J.U.S.T., and probably will sign with the club. Vukovic is striker.

J.U.S.T. hopes to sign a player from England and one from Yugoslavia.

Its only new player so far is left back Chris Petrov, the former Victorian representative who played for Sunshine City, Rostov, Mladost and Bask Bregovo.



Australia's best?

Victoria aims to beat NSW at Olympic Park No. 2 Oval on Sunday to provide it is the strongest State in Australia. The Vics., pictured, are, back row from left: Len McKendry (coach), John Gardiner, Steve Short, Alan Davidson, Peter Laumets, Gary Cole, Carl Glider, Steve Kokoska, Yanka Banovic, Jim Tansey. Front: Joe Picloane, Joe Tront, Jim Williams, Tommy Cumming, Jamie Paton, John Yzendoorn, Jimmy Rooney.

CHRISTOPOULOS, HUNTER AND KAY OUTSTANDING

NEW CALEDONIA 0 AUSTRALIA 8 (Krnecvic 3, Kay 2, Hunter 2, Moulis), Oceania Cup first round in Noumea.

Ratings: AUSTRALIA: Woodhouse 7 (Banovic 9) — Moulis 7, Christopoulos 10, Bertogna 8, Bozanic 6 — Raskopoulos 7 (Hunter 10), Davidson 8, Hogg 8 — Kay 10, Krnecvic 9, Shame 9 (Blair 8).



Bobby Charlton

Charlton playing in Perth

Bobby Charlton is playing with Perth Azurri in the Western Australian night series before heading for Sydney to play for Blacktown City in the opening round of the Phillips League.

The WA Federation put up \$5000 to bring Charlton to Perth to help promote the game, and Azurri paid Charlton \$1500 to play three night games for the club.

A further \$3500 was paid by Perth firm Solihart in addition to the money it usually provides to sponsor the night series.

Apart from playing in matches, Charlton also is making appearances at shopping centres and at schools.

Charlton played one guest game with Newcastle KB United in the PSL in 1978, lost 1-2 to Australia with his British all-stars in 1976 and toured with Manchester United in 1967.

Charlton scored for Azurri in its 3-1 victory over Gosnells City at Lake Monger Velodrome in his first match.

The moment everyone had waited for came when young Tony Falcone battled for possession and then slipped the ball to Chris Proctor who sent over a perfect cross to Charlton.

Charlton ran wide and angled the ball back past goalkeeper Owen Nuttridge who had done everything right to narrow the pathway to goal.

But Charlton's shot was perfectly placed with the right amount of power to beat Nuttridge.

Charlton's only game for Blacktown City will be against St. George at Gabbie Stadium.

I was completely lost for words after this fantastic performance by my young Socceros. Luckily there were other people to tell the story of this thumping victory.

Charlie Dempsey, the prominent New Zealand official, said he had never seen such modern football from a team so young. Australia's average age is 19.4. New Caledonia's is 29.

French referee Wurtz expressed a similar opinion. "It is unbelievable that such a young team can turn on such modern, offensive football," he told me after the game.

And Wurtz should know. He has refereed all over the world, even in World Cup competitions. After I had brought Kevin Keegan to Hamburg, it was Wurtz who refereed Hamburg's first game, a 6-0 victory over Barcelona.

The crowd gave our team a standing ovation after the game and the Press wrote that we were the best team ever to have played in New Caledonia. It was a memorable day in our soccer history.

Let's not forget that the last time Australia visited this French province, in 1970, we managed only a 3-1 and a 1-0 victory.

The most pleasing aspect of the victory on Sunday was that the four players who are eligible to play in the world youth finals next year — Peter Raskopoulos, Paul Kay, Ian Hunter and Steve Blair — all played well and contributed four goals — two by Kay and two by Hunter.

George Christopoulos was an outstanding success as libero, as I had predicted all along. I stick to my belief that in the long run, he will be the Franz Beckenbauer of the Socceros.

Paul Kay was absolutely brilliant, and so was Ian

Hunter when he replaced Raskopoulos.

Unfortunately Raskopoulos suffered a back injury.

I had to send Joe Senkalski home when his old injury played up again. It's the same injury that caused him to leave early from the Socceros' tour of China.

The 40 degree heat made it extremely difficult to play well, yet we overcame this handicap and also brushed off some crude tackles by the New Caledonians.

The result left no doubt that we will be in the Cup finals — probably against New Zealand which should win Group B. The final is on March 2. Top scorer in our victory was Eddie Krnecvic with three. He now has scored a total of 22 goals for Australia in senior and youth games.

In the early game, Papua New Guinea beat New Hebrides 4-3.

AC Milan tour in May?

A tour by AC Milan in May should be confirmed this week, says Australian Soccer Federation vice president Michael Weinstein.

Milan is expected to play against Azzurri of Adelaide, and in Sydney, Brisbane and Perth.

Mr Weinstein said he hopes one of the games will be against the Socceros.

Meanwhile, he remains confident that either Real Madrid or Bayern Munich will tour in late June.

Such a tour would replace the international tournament between Australia, Wales, Yugoslavia and Northern Ireland, which has been called off.

English club Queen's Park Rangers wanted to tour in May but because Milan is due at the same time, QPR Manager Tommy Docherty was told: No deal.

GM may be sponsor

General Motors is rumored to be one of the companies involved in a million-dollar sponsorship of Australian soccer.

The names of the companies — about eight of them — will be released next month.

Meanwhile, the chances of seeing local soccer on television this year are fading by the hour.

The ASF was going to present to each network a package deal including rights to the World Cup.

But now that the ABC has clinched rights to the World Cup, the package looks less attractive.

The ASF suggested to the ABC that some local soccer be included in its English soccer programme but chances of the ABC agreeing appear slight.

Preston, JUST draw

Preston Makedonia held Footscray J.U.S.T. to a 2-2 draw at Reservoir last Sunday despite having George McMillan sent off after 15 minutes and losing Gary Ward through injury in the first half.

Claude Lucchesi put Makedonia ahead 1-0, but goals by Dragon Vasic and Peter Ollerton gave J.U.S.T. a 2-1 lead at half time.

Eric Leberich equalised for Makedonia in the second half.

Best players were Slobodan Jovanovic, Zdravko Lujic, Jim Kondarios and Dennis Boland for J.U.S.T. and Lucchesi, Rob Cullen, Jeff Faulkner and Lou Kastner for Makedonia.

In the earlier games, Makedonia under 16s beat J.U.S.T. 9-1, and the reserves lost 1-2.

Makedonia meets Northcote City (Collingwood) at Reservoir on Saturday. Reserves start at 2.30 pm and firsts at 4 pm.

FIGURES TELL A SAD STORY

From page one

The size of the burden was graphically illustrated by Sydney City Soccer Club's financial statement for 1979, which showed that expenditures amounted to \$251,386 (compared with the 1978 total of \$205,805), while income was only \$101,879 (down from \$111,293 the previous year).

Gate receipts at home games were only \$41,056, a drop of almost \$10,000.

This in spite of Sydney City spending almost \$16,000 on advertising and promotion, an increase of nearly \$13,000 on the preceding 12 months.

John Warren, who acted as the club's promotions officer in 1979, is no longer with Sydney City.

However, by far the biggest item of expenditure was under players' fees, bonuses and retainers — a staggering \$132,553, but

showing only a moderate increase of less than \$2,000 since 1978.

It is perhaps a reflection of the financial mess in which major PSL clubs find themselves that Sydney City's contribution to juniors last year dropped to \$3221, almost \$2,000 below the 1978 level.

The deficit on soccer activities last year was \$149,507 covered only by the successful trading of the Hakoah Social Club, which showed a net surplus for the year of \$240,369.


President Lowy also used the occasion of the annual general meeting to call on club members, who have been staying away from soccer in droves, to once again patronise games.

"If we can't get your support, what hope is there of attracting the general public?" he asked.

Boskovic in Asia


Australian FIFA referee Tony Boskovic has been selected to control matches in the Olympic qualifying tournament played in Singapore between February 23 and March 13. The participating countries are Iran, India, Burma, Sri Lanka, Korea DPR, China.

Referee Boskovic has continued to be selected by FIFA for important tournaments ever since his successful participation in the FIFA World Cup finals in West Germany in 1974.



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Vic. skipper helped NSW to overthrow the Soviets



Goal coming up — Glasgow Rangers' Colin Stein is only a split second away from volleying the ball past Victorian goalkeeper Jack Reilly in Rangers' 5-1 victory at Olympic Park in 1975.

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Victories by Victoria or NSW are so memorable simply because there have been so few of them.

That's why results like NSW's 4-1 against Norwich City in 1979, 2-1 against Chelsea in 1974 and 2-1 against Moscow Dynamo in 1971, live on in the memory.

Similarly, we will talk for a long time about Victoria's wins of 2-1 against the Welsh FA in 1975, 2-1 against Bristol Rovers in 1974, 4-0 against AEK Athens in 1979 and, most recently, 2-1 against Red Star Belgrade early this year.

NSW had only half as many games as Victoria in the seventies because most of the matches against overseas teams in Sydney were allocated to the national team.

There are players who have appeared for NSW, as well as Victoria. They include goalkeeper Jack Reilly, defenders George Keith, Rob McGinn, Stan Ackorley and Doug Utjesanovic, midfielders Jimmy Rooney and Tommy Randles and forwards Attila Abonyi, Billy Rogers, Peter Ollerton, Ray Pocock and Wim Spiekermann.

Of these, only Rooney will appear on Sunday as captain and midfield general of Victoria. He played for NSW in its victory over Moscow Dynamo nine years ago and has figured in Victoria's successes over the past 12 months.

Ray Baartz with 11 appearances, and Attila Abonyi with 10, were the NSW stalwarts of the seventies, while Branko Buljevic, Jack Reilly, Billy Vojtek and Jimmy Mackay were the longest serving Victorian State players over the same period.

But the man who represented Victoria most often was Frank Micic, who notched up more than 50 appearances after he first wore the State colors in the early sixties.

Among the longest-serving NSW

State players was Joe Marston, who also captained Australia and who played for Preston North End in England.

Although Victoria holds a one-match advantage over NSW in matches played between the States, it is NSW that enjoyed the greater reputation in the sixties and most of the seventies.

Results like NSW's 1-0, 2-0 and 4-3 victories over Victoria in 1962 and its 4-1 triumph in 1969, achieved through a hat-trick by Adrian Alston contributed towards this reputation.

But Victoria, through solid preparation and sound planning, has established itself possibly as the strongest State team in Australia with victories over Partizan Belgrade, AEK Athens and Red Star since Len McKendry became coach just over a year ago.

These results have been regarded cynically by the other States, which argue that the visiting teams were at a disadvantage against Victoria, as they were playing their first games after stepping off the plane.

Yet if the overseas teams were as far ahead in all-round ability as everyone claims, they should win whatever the handicaps.

McKendry argues however that the class difference is not great providing we play the right way.

In his belief, the right way is denying the opponents possession of the ball by holding possession yourselves and by using permanent strikers and supporting those strikers rather than playing a completely negative, close-marking game.

McKendry has had the advantage of drilling his players in his style of play at weekly training sessions over more than a year.

NSW still trains only for a few weeks before each match.

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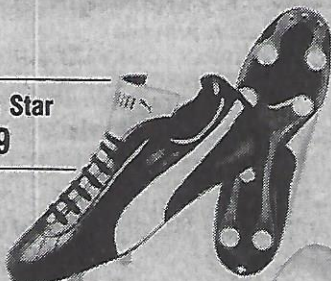
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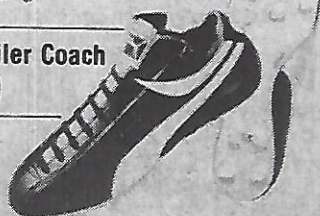
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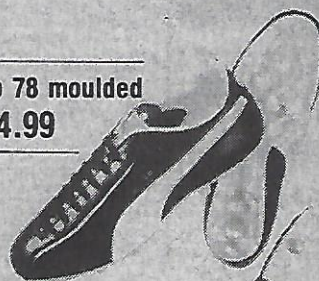
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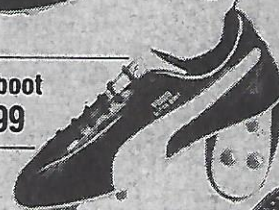
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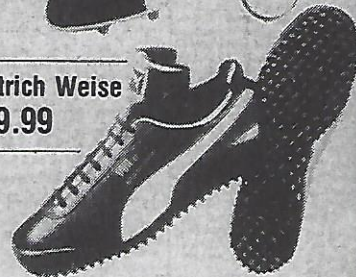
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REVIVE NATIONAL SERIES



RALE RASIC

It was back in 1976, in one of the first editions of "Soccer Action," that I called for a return of the long-dormant competition between States.

Let's hope that this week's Victoria v. NSW game rekindles interest in such a competition.

I congratulate these two States on staging the game. Victoria will play two other States this year - South Australia on April 7 and Queensland on June 16.

Interstate matches present a unique opportunity to foster goodwill, understanding and good sportsmanship between players, officials and fans of the various cities.

So it was the first interstate series, won by NSW in 1962. I have always believed that it was a great shame to discontinue this series.

We have the Phillips Cup as a nation-wide competition for clubs - and I believe this Cup should be extended to cater for many more competitors.

Now we should look

closely at reintroducing a similar competition for State teams.

Not only would it provide players with incentive to improve themselves, but it also would be of great help to the national coach in assessing the best players in the country.

Good young players could be blooded in State teams, whereas it may be too risky to use them in the national side.

And in the final analysis the one idiom that applies most strongly is: more competition, better players.

Of course, an interstate series would be effective only if the best possible players were used.

It is regrettable, for example, that NSW State coach Leo Baumgartner has been unable to secure the release of PSL players for the game against Victoria on Sunday.

And I am still of the opinion that Victoria would do even better were it to use the best available players.

On the other hand, Victoria's great results

so far under coach Len McKendry have served to show just how much understanding, discipline, determination and spirit can be created among players who work together regularly over a long period of time.

It can be exactly the opposite if you chop and change too often.

Top results come only through long and patient planning and by keeping a squad of players together.

Even back in 1970, when I had the pleasure of coaching the Victorian

under 16 team to victory in the national championships in Adelaide, we had the advantage of full co-operation from the VSF, excellent facilities and equipment and the assistance of five top-class coaches, including Bill Curran, Ken Kontra and Mike de Bruyckere.

Bill Curran has looked after successive squads of youth players since then and he has done an excellent job.

At national championships, Victoria always has been among the most presentable sides, well dressed and displaying impeccable sportsmanship.

This has been the same with the senior State team over the past two years in particular.

And so Victoria has achieved a natural flow of attitudes and organisation from juniors to seniors at representative level.

Victoria's success shows the tremendous value that can be derived from representative soccer. The other States could do likewise in a competition between States.

I urge the Australian and the State Federations to examine the possibility carefully.

Powerful NSW held by Vics in last battle

BY LAURIE SCHWAB

Victoria held NSW to an unexpected 2-2 draw the last time the States met at Middle Park, Melbourne, on April 5, 1970.

The States had drawn 1-1 in Sydney a few weeks earlier but in that game, NSW played without Johnny Warren, Manfred Schaefer, Adrian Alston and Dennis Yaeger.

This time, NSW was at full strength, and coach Frank Arok was confident of victory.

But Victoria's key players - George Kin-

nell, Branko Buljevic, Jack Reilly, Billy Vojtek and Sandy Irvine - were in top form whereas NSW's John Watkins and Ray Baartz were well below their best.

Kinnell (Juventus) marshalled the Victorian defence superbly and split the NSW ranks with his withering runs down the centre.

Goalkeeper Reilly, also of Juventus, stopped Attila Abonyi from five metres in the 22nd minute, Mike Denton in the

31st minute and Baartz late in the game. If there was any one man who had a direct bearing on the result, it was Reilly.

Buljevic, well fed by Frank Micic, Jack Goodwin and Jimmy Mackay in midfield, beat his full back, Don Sandell, consistently and was unlucky not to score.

Vojtek had a great first half, scoring Victoria's first goal in the 15th minute, but Denton equalised in the 37th minute and Alston put NSW ahead 2-1 in the 61st minute before Doug Utjesenovic equalised two minutes later.

Grim faces on the Victorian bench during a match against South Australia in 1970, from left: Doug Utjesenovic, Lou Kastner, Dave Gorrie, Billy Rogers, Billy Rice, Lou Lazzari (masseur), Rale Rasic (coach). The game was drawn 2-2.

Triumphant start to new decade for Victoria

Matches played this year by Victoria and NSW.

VICTORIA 2 (Paton, Christopoulos) RED STAR BELGRADE 1 (Filipovic) at Olympic Park.

Teams, with ratings:

VICTORIA: Banovic 8 - Yzendoorn 8.5, Kokoska 8.5, Gardiner 9, Davidson 8 - Christopoulos 8, J. Campbell 8 (Picioane 80th), Rooney 8.5 - Cumming 8.5 (injured, sub Tront 89th), Cole 8, Paton 8 (Mitten 67th).

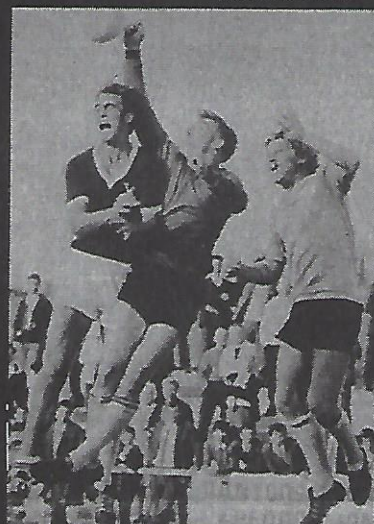
RED STAR: Stojanovic 6 - Miletovic 7 - Krmpotic 8, Juristic 7, Nikolic 7.5 (Stevanovic 70th), Jovin 6 (Jurovski 6, 55th) - Blagojevic 6, Milosavljevic 8 - Petrovic 6, Savic 6 (Filipovic 7, 55th), Repic 6.5.

NSW RED STAR BELGRADE 5: (Filipovic 2, Repic, Petrovic, Mullen o.g.) at Sydney Sports Ground.

Teams, with ratings:

NSW: Woodhouse 6 (M. Fraser 7, half time) - Mullen 4 (Beggs 6, 55th), Brogan 5, Henderson 8, Degney 7 - Jankovics 6 Raskopoulos 5, Davies 4 (Stevenson 5, half time) - Sharne 5 (Hunter 5, half time), Krncevic 6, P. O'Connor 8.

RED STAR: Ljukovcan 8 - Miletovic 7 - Krmpotic 7, Nikolic 9 (Borovnica 74th), Jurisic 7, Jovin 8 - Blagojevic 8 (Savic 7 half time) (Milovanovic 6, half time), Milosavljevic 7, Petrovic 9, Filipovic 8, Repic 8.



NSW goalkeeper Jim Fraser punches the ball clear of Branko Buljevic during the two 2-2 at Middle Park in 1970. At right is NSW's Peter Wilson.



Doug Utjesenovic is sandwiched between two Soviet opponents in a game for Australia. Utjesenovic represented both Victoria and NSW.

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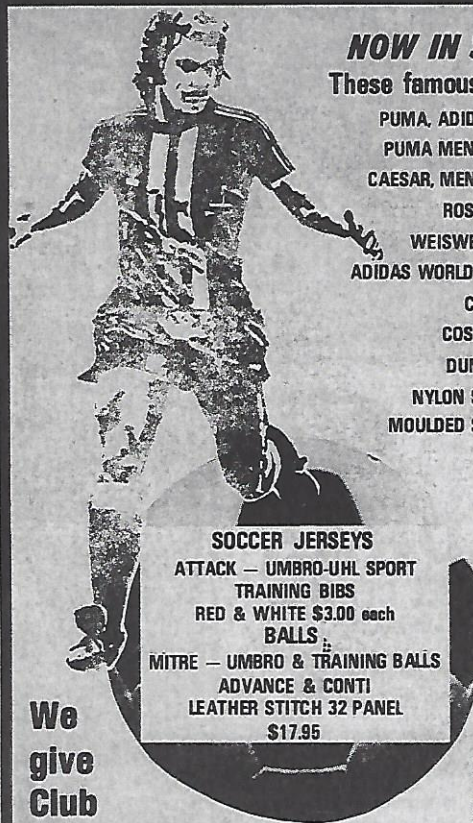
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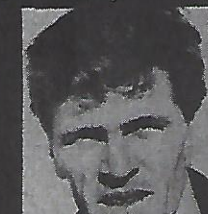
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21. Reilly
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11. Wallace, Bourne, Juhasz
10. Zoraja
9. Utjesenovic, Kinneil, Goodwin, Lopatic, Cole, Cumming
8. Ollerton, Kokoska
7. Marshall, Welker, Cummings, Ristovski, Zvendorn, Kriaris, Tront
6. Rogers, Gorrie, McCall, Armstrong, Kazi, Rooney, Xanthopoulos, Gibson, Gilder
5. Dobbins, Paton, Short, Bleskany, Kastner, Micevski, Vaughan, Banovic
4. Rice, Smart, Kokkino, van Egmond, Cockburn, Szabo, Rujevic, Baker, Gillan, French, Piccone
3. Rutherford, Salisbury, Kuzilek, Palinkas, Tarquinio, Milisavljevic, P. Bannan, Garthwaite, Kalafatis, Laumets, Rigby Roberts
2. Rosewer, Olinowski, Williams, Pocock, Kovacek, Lukic, Maitland, Batticciotto, Gadsby, V. Bannan, Lerch, Deperis, Adams, Bernard, Wilkinson
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Bearded Murray Barnes (NSW) clashes with Jim Kriaris (Vic) in a PSL match between Sydney City and Footscray.



Tony Boggi — coached Victoria



Alan Marnoch (NSW)



Ken Kontra — coached Victoria



Peter Bourne (Vic)



Victoria with the visiting English FA team in 1971. The Victorians, at left are, back row: Klimecki (official), Kontra (coach), Memur, Dobbins, Irvine, Lopatic, Kovacek, Jahasz, English player, Szabo. Front: Lazzari (masseur), van Egmond, Lukic, Cockburn, Mackay, Vojtek, Pocock, Bleskany, Wallace.

Top juniors in curtain-raiser

Green Gully Ajax and Nunawading City under 16s will meet at 1.45 pm in the curtain-raiser to the Victoria v NSW game at Olympic Park on Sunday.



Gary Manuel (NSW)

Victoria in the seventies

Details of all of Victoria's games in the seventies:

1970

v. Hertha 03 (W. Germany) 1-1 at Olympic Park, scorer: Mackay. Victoria: Reilly — Utjesenovic, Rice, Kinneil, Scott — Micic, Goodwin (Buljevic), Mackay — Zoraja, Rogers (Gorrie), Vojtek.

v. Romania B 0-1 at Olympic Park. Victoria: Reilly — Utjesenovic, Rice, Kinneil, Scott — Micic, Goodwin (Rosewer 33rd), Mackay (Gorrie 65th) — Smart (Rogers half time), Zoraja, Vojtek.

v. Moscow Dynamo 1-7 at Olympic Park, scorers: Smart, Victoria: Reilly — Utjesenovic, Kinneil, Rice, Scott — Micic, Goodwin, Mackay — Smart, Zoraja, McCall v. South Australia 2-2 at Olympic Park, scorers: Vojtek 2.

v. Victoria: Reilly — Utjesenovic, Kinneil, Rice, Scott — Micic, Goodwin, Mackay — Smart, Zoraja, McCall v. South Australia 2-2 at Olympic Park, scorers: Vojtek 2.

v. Victoria: Reilly — Utjesenovic, Kinneil, Irvine, Scott — Micic, Mackay, Goodwin — Zoraja (Rogers), Vojtek, Buljevic.

v. Manchester City 0-3 at Olympic Park. Victoria: Reilly — Utjesenovic, Kinneil, Irvine, Scott — Micic, Mackay, Goodwin — Zoraja (Rogers), Vojtek, Buljevic.

v. Werder Bremen (W. Germany) 1-2 at Olympic Park, scorer: Micic. Victoria: Reilly — Utjesenovic, Kinneil, Irvine, Scott — Goodwin half time — Micic, Wallace, Mackay — McCall (Armstrong half time), Buljevic, Vojtek.

v. South Australia 1-0 at Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide, scorer: Gorrie. Victoria: Reilly — Utjesenovic, Kinneil, Goodwin, Irvine — Wallace, Mackay, Scott — McCall, Gorrie, Vojtek (Micic 72nd).

v. Victoria: Reilly — Utjesenovic, Kinneil, Irvine, Scott — Micic, Mackay, Goodwin — Zoraja (Rogers), Vojtek, Buljevic.

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v. Victoria: Reilly — Utjesenovic, Kinneil, Irvine, Scott — Micic, Mackay, Goodwin — Zoraja (Rogers), Vojtek, Buljevic.

1972

v. Cruzeiro (Brazil) 1-4 at Olympic Park, scorers: Marshall.

v. Victoria: van Egmond — Irvine, Juhasz, Szabo, Lopatic, Pye — Vojtek, Mackay, Marshall (Cockburn 75th) — Rujevic (Kuzilek 60th), Bleskany.

v. South Australia 2-0 at Olympic Park, scorers: Mackay, Irvine.

v. Victoria: Kastner — Irvine, Juhasz, Szabo, Lopatic, Pye — Mackay, Bourne (Gardiner 65th) — Zoraja, Buljevic, Cockburn.

v. South Australia 0-4 in Adelaide. Victoria: Kastner — Irvine, Walker (Palinkas), Juhasz, Pye — Lopatic, Marshall, Bourne — Zoraja, Buljevic, Cockburn (Batticciotto).

v. Dundee (Scotland) 2-4 at Olympic Park, scorers: Rujevic, Buljevic.

v. Victoria: Reilly — Pye, Rosca, Juhasz, Lopatic — Scott (Bourne 60th), Marshall, Mackay — Rujevic (Zoraja 75th), Vojtek, Buljevic.

1973

v. Santos (Brazil) 0-2 at Olympic Park.

v. Victoria: Reilly — Pye, Kriaris, Scott, Baker — McGinn, Bourne, Marshall, Armstrong (Tarquinio), Ollerton (Wallace), Buljevic.

v. Chicago (Brazil) 1-2 at Olympic Park, scorers: Buljevic.

v. Victoria: Milisavljevic — Pye, Irvine, Walker, Lopatic (Maitland 72nd) — Micic, Gardiner (Wallace 59th), Bourne — Zoraja (Micevski 64th), Armstrong, Buljevic.

v. Australia 1-2, at Olympic Park, scorers: Cunningham.

v. Victoria: Reilly — Baker, Maitland, Walker, Kazi — Gardiner, Lukic (Gadsby), Bourne — Armstrong (Fisker, sub Waalidyk), Cunningham, Micevski.

1974

v. Ferencvaros (Hungary) 2-3 at Olympic Park, scorers: Micevski, Buljevic.

v. Victoria: Milisavljevic — V. Bannan, Walker, Kazi, Pye — Gorrie (Bourne 56th), Micic, Bleskany — McArdle (Cole 60th), Micevski, Buljevic.

v. Bristol Rovers (England) 2-1, at Olympic Park, scorers: Howie, Armstrong.

v. Victoria: Kastner — Pye, Kazi, Walker, Tansey — Howie, Micic, P. Bannan — Bleskany (Gillan half time), Micevski (Armstrong 62nd), Palinkas.

1975

v. Legia Warsaw (Poland) 1-4 at Olympic Park, scorers: Buljevic.

v. Victoria: Milisavljevic — Pye, Walker, Kazi, Tarquinio — Gorrie, Gardiner, P. Bannan (Gadsby 55th) — Micevski (Armstrong 77th), Buljevic, Vojtek.

v. Glasgow Rangers (Scotland) 1-5 at Olympic Park, scorers: Buljevic.

v. Victoria: Reilly — Pye (Tansey), Walker, Kondarios, Kazi — Rujevic, Gardiner, Mackay, Wallace — Vojtek (McRobert), Buljevic.

v. Benfica (Portugal) 0-2 at Olympic Park.

v. Victoria: Reilly — Kriaris, Vaughan, Kondarios, Garthwaite — Micic (Lerch), Daperis, P. Bannan — Cummings, Gillan (Cole), Buljevic (Kalafatis).

v. New Caledonian XI 3-0 in Noumea, scorers: Gibson, Gillan, Cummings.

v. Victoria: Kastner — Kriaris, Kondarios, Vaughan — Micic, Gibson, Wallace — Cummings (Ristovski), Gillan, Buljevic.

v. New Caledonian XI 3-2 in Noumea, scorers: Buljevic, Cole, Cummings.

v. Victoria: Kastner — Kriaris, Kondarios, Vaughan, Garthwaite — Micic, Gibson, Wallace (Daperis) — Cummings, Gillan (Cole), Buljevic.

v. Australia B 1-3 at Olympic Park, scorers: French.

v. Victoria: Laumets — Pye, Vaughan, Kondarios, Batticciotto (Adams 31st) — Rujevic, Rigby (Roberts 61st), Kriaris — Ristovski (Cole half time), French, Cain.

1976

v. Velez Mostar 2-2, abandoned, at Olympic Park, scorers: Ollerton, Ristovski.

v. Victoria: Reilly — Kazi, Xanthopoulos, Kondarios, Tansey — Kriaris, Gibson (Cummings 61st), Bourne — Ristovski, Ollerton, Vojtek.

v. South Australia 1-2 at Olympic Park, scorers: French.

v. Victoria: Reilly — Pye, Xanthopoulos, Kondarios, Tansey — Mackay (Rigby), Bourne (Vaughan), Kriaris — Ristovski, French, Buljevic.

v. Tottenham Hotspur 1-3 at Olympic Park, scorers: Bernard.

v. Victoria: Reilly — Pye, Xanthopoulos, Kondarios, Tansey — Bernard (Ristovski), Mackay, Bourne (Rigby), Gibson — Ollerton, Buljevic.

v. Bologna (Italy) 0-4 at Olympic Park.

v. Victoria: Reilly — Kazi, Xanthopoulos, Kondarios, Tansey (Petrov 80th time) — Gibson (Sabidussi 80th), Mackay, Bernard — Cummings (French half time), Ollerton, Buljevic.

v. Italian Army 1-2 at Olympic Park, scorers: Buljevic.

v. Victoria: Harby — Pye, Xanthopoulos, Kondarios, Tansey — Gardiner, O'Reilly, Lerch — Palinkas (Cummings 85th), French, Buljevic.

v. Atromitos (Greece) 1-1 at Olympic Park, scorers: French penalty.

v. Victoria: Clarke — Pye, Xanthopoulos, Kondarios, Tansey — Bourne, Mackay, Wagstaff (Gibson half time) — Ristovski (Cummings half time), Ollerton, French.

1977

v. South Australia 2-1 at Olympic Park, scorers: Roberts, Baker penalty.

v. Victoria: Laumets — Adams, Baker, Kokoska, Barron — Wilkinson, Tront, Gardiner, Golder, Roberts, Beach (Cumming).

v. Middlesbrough (England) 0-4 at Olympic Park.

v. Victoria: Laumets (O'Hara 80th) — Tarquinio, Baker, Kokoska, Milne — Tront, Wilkinson (Roberts 54th), Gardiner — Ollerton, Gilder, Ristovski (Cumming 54th).

1978

v. Dundee (Scotland) 2-1 at Olympic Park, scorers: McClymont, Ford o.g.

v. Victoria: Hansen — V. Bannan, Kondarios, Baker, Provan — Kerr, Taylor, McClymont — Cumming, Reed (inj), McMillan 72nd, G. Campbell (Watkins 53rd).

1979

v. Wiala Crakow (Poland) 0-1 at Olympic Park.

v. Victoria: Banovic — Kalafatis, Kokoska, Zvendorn, Tansey — Gardiner (Tront 78th), Rooney, Piccone — Cumming, Gilder, Paton (inj. sub Cole 65th).

v. South Australia 2-0 in Adelaide, scorers: Cumming, Tront.

v. Victoria: Banovic — Short, Zvendorn, Kokoska, Tansey — Gardiner, Tront, Rooney — Cumming, Cole, Paton.

v. Norwich City (England) 2-4 at Olympic Park, scorers: Tront, Short.

v. Victoria: Banovic — Short (inj. Kalafatis 70th), Zvendorn, Kokoska, Tansey — Davidson, Tront, Rooney — Cole, Paton (Golder 70th), Cumming.

v. Partizan Belgrade 1-0 at Olympic Park, scorers: Piccone.

v. Victoria: Banovic — Short, Kokoska, Zvendorn, Tansey — Tront, Piccone, Rooney — Cumming, Gilder, Paton, Cole.

v. AEK Athens (Greece) 4-0, at Olympic Park, scorers: Cole 3, Gilder.

v. Victoria: Banovic — Short, Zvendorn, Kokoska, Tansey — Gardiner, Piccone, Rooney — Cumming, Gilder, Cole.

v. New York Cosmos (U.S.) 2-3 at Olympic Park, scorers: Cumming, Rooney.

v. Victoria: Banovic — Short, Zvendorn, Kokoska, Tansey — Gardiner, Piccone (Tront 60th), Rooney — Cumming, Gilder (Paton), Cole.




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Victoria's John Wallace wins a header against Werder Bremen in 1970.

They got the goals

Goalscorers for Victoria in the seventies:

7. Buljevic.

4. Vojtek, Cole.

3. French.

2. Mackay, Kokkino, Tront, Cumming, Cummings.

1. Ollerton, Ristovski, Bernard, Howie, Gibson, Armstrong, Micevski, Cunningham, Micic, Gillan, Rujevic, Irvine, Marshall, Smart, Utjesenovic, Zoraja, Wallace, Lopatic, McCall, Rogers, Clarey, Gorrie, Roberts, Baker, McClymont, Short, Gilder, Rooney.

National champs in '62

NSW won the interstate championship of 1962, beating Victoria 2-0 in Melbourne on the way.

It was the first interstate championship conducted by the Australian Federation.

Details:
Preliminary rounds: VICTORIA 0 NSW 2 (Jaros, Baumgartner) at Olympic Park, crowd 15,000.
VICTORIA: Gronowski - Falzon, Matthysen - Micic, van Alphen, Hartley - Marinovic, Margaritis, Jurecki (Bedford), Kenny, Sygalaki.
NSW: Lord - Mach, Nuttall - Kelly, E. Ninaus, Marvo - Wentzel, Tamandl, H. Ninaus, Baumgartner, Jaros (Levi).
QUEENSLAND 5 (Wild 2, Kitching 2, Tran) SOUTH AUSTRALIA 1 (Moriarty) at Brisbane Exhibition Oval, crowd 4,500.
QUEENSLAND: Topfer - Kathage, Warren - Petersen, McCrea, Sander - Vogler, Trans, S. Kitching, Wild, McMillan.
SOUTH AUSTRALIA: Horvath - DiBartolo, Harlow

NSW since '70

Details of all of NSW's matches in the seventies.

1970
v Inter Bratislava (Czechoslovakia) 3-0 Wentworth Park.
NSW: Corry, Keith, Zeman, Wilson, Ackerley, Abonyi, McCulloch (Edwards), Rendles, Manuel, Baertz, Denton.
v Moscow Dynamo (USSR) 1-2 Sydney Sports Ground, scorers: Warren.
NSW: J. Fraser, Marnoch, Sandell, Schaefer, Watkins, Ackerley, Warren, Baertz, McKinnon (Fekete), Abonyi (Blues), Alston (Denton).
v Moscow Dynamo (USSR) 3-3 at Sydney Sports Ground, scorers: Abonyi, Denton, Baert.
NSW: J. Fraser, Marnoch, Sandell, Watkins, Ackerley, Schaefer, Warren, Baertz, Abonyi, Tolson (Denton), Alston.
v Victoria 1-1 at Sydney Sports ground, scorers: Keddie.
NSW: J. Fraser (Rorke), Devoy, Zeman, Watkiss, Marnoch, Abonyi, Campbell, Baertz, Rutherford (Ainslie), Keddie, Blitz (Denton).
v Victoria 2-2 at Middle Park, scorers: Denton, Alston.
NSW: Fraser - Yaeger, Marnoch, Schaefer, Sandell (Wilson) - Warren, Baertz, Watkiss - Abonyi, Alston, Denton.
v Manchester City 1-2 at Sydney Sports Ground, scorers: Denton.
NSW: Rorke, Keith, Schaefer, Marnoch, Ackerley, Warren, Yaeger, Abonyi, (Denton), Keddie (Campbell), Baertz, Blitz (Alston).
v Manchester City 0-4 at Sydney Sports Ground.
NSW: Corry, Keith, Yaeger, Schaefer, Marnoch, Watkiss (Alston), Warren, Campbell (Blitz), Baertz, Denton (Alagich).
v English FA 0-1 at Sydney sports Ground.
NSW: Reilly, Keith, Curran, Richards, Wilson, Schaefer, Blues (Denton), Rooney, Alston, Baertz (Alagich), Ainslie.
v Moscow Dynamo (USSR) 2-1 at Sydney Sports Ground, scorers: Richards, Keith.
NSW: Reilly, Keith, Curran, Watkiss, Wilson, Rooney (Rudic), Alagich (Blues), Richards, Griffiths (Spijkerman), Baertz, Armytage.
v Moscow Dynamo (USSR) 3-5 at Sydney Sports Ground, scorers: Armytage 2, Alagich.
NSW: Kelly, Marnoch, Rudic, Wilson, Watkiss, Blues, Richards (McKinnon), Tolson, Baertz, (Alagich), Armytage.
1972
v Dundee (Scotland) 1-6 at Sydney Sports Ground, scorers: Campbell.
NSW: McGuire, Harris, Hogg, Watkiss, Wilson, Dunlop, Abonyi (Butler), Rooney, Baertz, Alston (Rogers), Campbell.
1973
v Birmingham City (England) 1-2 at Wentworth Park, scorers: Ollerton.
NSW: J. Fraser, Utjesenovic, Wilson, Schaefer (Bennett), Perry (Harris), Richards, Rooney, McDonald, Abonyi, Alston, Ollerton (Tolson).
v Stoke City (England) 1-3 at Sydney Sports Ground, scorers: Richards.
NSW: J. Fraser, Utjesenovic, Perry, Bennett, Wilson, Richards, Abonyi, McDonald, Ollerton (Rogers), Rooney, Alston.
1974
v Chelsea (England) 2-1 at Sydney Sports Ground, scorers: Butler 2.
NSW: J. Fraser, Robertson (Perry), Harris, Bennett, Moschen, Takac, Butler (Rogers), Muniz, Pocock (B. Jones), Ainslie, Rutherford (Carizzo).
v Aberdeen (Scotland) 1-2 at Sydney Sports Ground, scorers: Pocock.
NSW: J. Fraser, McGinn (Perry), Bennett, B. Jones, Harris, Ainslie, Takac, Muniz, Rutherford, Pocock, Carrizo (Butler).
1976
v Atromitis (Greece) 2-2 at Sydney Sports Ground, scorers: Barnes 2.
NSW: Hozzowski (Coe), Mullen, Wilson, Bell, Degney, Byrne, Stone, Gnevi, Abonyi (Sharne), Barnes, P. O'Connor.
1978
v Queensland 2-2 at Perry Park, Brisbane, scorers: Barnes, Sharne.
NSW: Clarke (Hoare half time) - Mullen (R. Russell half time), S. O'Connor, J. O'Shea, Degney - Stone, Barnes - Sharne, Hall (Giampaolo half time), C. Eaton, P. O'Connor (Butler half time).
1979
v Norwich City 4-1 at Sydney Sports Ground, scorers: Byrne, Stevenson, Sharne, Jankovics.
NSW: Woodhouse (Clarke), P. O'Connor, Prako, Henderson, Degney, Stevenson, Watson (Hall), Byrne, Jankovics, Krncevic, Sharne.
v AEK Athens 5-5 at Sydney Sports Ground, scorers: Krncevic 2, Beggs 2, Raskopoulos.
NSW: Woodhouse, Souness, Degney, Henderson, Prako, Raskopoulos, Hall (Beggs), Butler, Krncevic, Stone (Cagali), Jennings.
v Vardar Skopje 1-6 at Sydney Sports Ground, scorers: Davies.
NSW: M. Fraser, Brogan, Salvage, Thomson, Bell, Stevenson, Barnes, Giampaolo, Valeri, Davies, Beggs, (Cotten).

- Marton, S. Szabo, Leitner - B. Szabo, Moriarty, Welker, Marusic, Herczeg.
NSW 3 (Scheinflug 2, Schauman) QUEENSLAND 2 (Kitching, Brown), at Sydney Sports Ground, crowd 8000.
NSW: Iglesias - Mach, Nuttall - Marvo, E. Ninaus, Sherwin - Wentzel, (Giles), Baumgartner, H. Ninaus, Scheinflug, Schauman.
QUEENSLAND: Topfer - Kathage, Warren - Petersen, McCrea, Petie - Volger, S. Kitching, Brown, Wild, McMillan.
VICTORIA 2 (Beerendonk, Hartley) QUEENSLAND 3 (McMillan 2, Kitching) at Olympic Park, crowd 9000.
VICTORIA: Jankovic - Falzon, Mantarakis - Margaritis (Smith), Micic, Hartley - L. Vella, Jurecki van Alphen, Miladenovic, Beerendonk.
QUEENSLAND: Topfer - Kathage, Clark - Petersen, McCrea, Sander - Tran, S. Kitching, C. Kitching, Wild, McMillan.
NSW 1 (H. Ninaus) SOUTH AUSTRALIA 1 (Herczeg) at Sydney Sports Ground, crowd: 8000.
NSW: Lord - Woods, Nuttall - Kelly, E. Ninaus, Marvo - Wentzel, Baumgartner, H. Ninaus, Scheinflug, Jaros.
Sth Aust: Horvath - DiBartolo, Graham - Marton, S. Szabo, Crawford - B. Szabo, Herczeg, Donnelly, Jones, Moriarty.
SOUTH AUSTRALIA 4 (Herczeg, Marton, Moriarty, Matiascak) VICTORIA 2 (J. Doherty 2) at Hindmarsh Stadium, crowd 4700.
SOUTH AUSTRALIA: Horvath - DiBartolo, Graham - Marton, S. Szabo, West - B. Szabo, Herczeg, Matiascak, Felton (McGreevy), Moriarty.
VICTORIA: Karpouzas - Rasic, Matthysen - Garrett, Whyman, Rodgers - Campbell, Duden, Doherty, Kenny, Salabassides.
Standings:
NSW W D L F A P
Queensland 2 0 0 6 3 5
Sth Aust. 1 1 1 6 8 4
Victoria 0 0 3 4 9 0
Finals
QUEENSLAND 1 (Tristram) NSW 3 (Baumgartner, H. Ninaus, Jaros) at Brisbane Exhibition Oval, crowd 5000.
QUEENSLAND: Topfer - Kathage, Clark - Petersen, McCrea, Petie - Tran, Tristram, Pettinson, Wild, McMillan.
NSW: Lord - Woods, Nuttall - Marvo, E. Ninaus, Dunaj - van der Gaag, Baumgartner, H. Ninaus, Watkiss, Jaros.
NSW 4 (Levi, Jaros, Baumgartner, Watkiss) QUEENSLAND 3 (McMillan, Tristram, Wild) at Sydney Sports Ground, crowd 8000.
NSW: Lord - Woods, Sherwin - Kelly, Curry, Dunaj - Watkiss, Baumgartner, Levi, H. Ninaus, Jaros.
QUEENSLAND: Topfer - Kathage, Clark - Petersen, Warren, Brown - S. Kitching, Tristram, Nunn, Wild, McMillan.
There were also two friendly games between NSW and Victoria in 1962. Details: VICTORIA 0 NSW 1 (Levi) at South Melbourne Cricket Ground, crowd 15,000.
VICTORIA: Hobson - Falzon, Mantarakis - Micic, van Alphen, Hartley - Kenny, Duden, Jurecki, Hodgson, Bons.
NSW: Wenzl - Mach, Sklerak - Kelly, E. Ninaus, Marvo - H. Ninaus, Watkiss, Schauman, Levi, Jaros.
NSW: 3 (H. Ninaus 2 Baumgartner) VICTORIA 4 (Beerendonk 2, L. Vella, Villiers) at Sydney Sports Ground, crowd 13,000.
NSW: Lord - Mach, Nuttall - Kelly, E. Ninaus, Marvo - H. Ninaus, Wentzel, Baumgartner, Tamandl, Scheinflug.
VICTORIA: Gronowski (Hobson) - Falzon, Mantarakis - Margaritis, Micic, Hartley - Beerendonk, de Bruyckere (Smith), van Alphen, Villiers, L. Vella.

Advantage Vic

Victoria holds a one-match advantage over NSW in the 35 games played between the States since 1883.
Of these games, Victoria has won 13, drawn nine and lost 12, scoring 63 goals to 79 in the process.
The fact that NSW has scored more goals than Victoria is explained by NSW's 7-0 and 10-0 victories in 1932 and 1936 respectively.
All the results:
Year Venue NSW Vic
1883 Melbourne 2 2
1883 Melbourne 2 2
1884 Sydney 4 1
1884 Sydney 1 2
1885 Melbourne 0 3
1886 Sydney 3 1
1887 Melbourne 2 2
1888 Sydney 1 2
1913 Melbourne 2 3
1913 Melbourne 1 1
1914 Sydney 0 1
1914 Sydney 2 3
1928 Sydney 5 1
1928 Sydney 2 3
1932 Gladsville 7 0
1936 Adelaide 10 0
1940 Sydney 4 2
1952 Melbourne 1 3
1954 Melbourne 2 2
1955 Melbourne 4 1
1955 Waiwae 0 2
1955 Leichhardt 4 1
1956 Melbourne 1 4
1956 Melbourne 0 5
1960 Melbourne 1 4
1962 Melbourne 1 0
1962 Melbourne 2 0
1962 Sydney 3 4
1963 Sydney 0 2
1968 Melbourne 0 0
1969 Sydney 4 1
1969 Melbourne 2 2
1970 Sydney 1 1
1970 Melbourne 2 2

Victory to mark comeback

FC Basel of Switzerland was the first overseas team to tour after FIFA had lifted its

suspension of Australia.

The suspension had

Baartz, Abonyi

Appearances for NSW in the seventies.
11. Baertz.
10. Abonyi.
9. Alston, Wilson.
8. Denton, Watkiss.
7. J. Fraser, Marnoch, Schaefer.
5. Keith, Warren, Richards, Rooney, Butler.
4. Ackerley, E. Campbell, Ainslie, Alagich, Harris, Bennett, Perry, Degney.
3. Sandell, Tolson, Rutherford, Blitz, Yaeger, Blues, Rogers, Stone, Barnes, Hall, Sharne, P. O'Connor.
2. Corry, Zeman, McKinnon, Rorke, Keddie, Reilly, Curran, Rudic, Armytage, Utjesenovic, McDonald, Ollerton, Krncevic, Takac, Muniz, Pocock, B. Jones, Carrizo, Bell, Byrne, Clarke, Prako, Giampaolo, Woodhouse, Mullen, Beggs, Henderson, Stevenson.
1. McCulloch, Edwards, Rendles, Manuel, Fekete, Blues, Devoy, Griffiths, Spijkerman, Kelly, McGuire, Hogg, Dunlop, Robertson, Moschen, McGinn, Hozzowski, Coe, Gnevi, Hoare, R. Russell, S. O'Connor, J. O'Shea, Cotten, Valeri, Thomson, Jennings, Cagali, Souness, Watson, C. Eaton, Salvage, M. Fraser, Brogan, Raskopoulos, Davies, Jankovics.

been imposed because Australian clubs signed overseas players without getting proper clearances for them and without paying transfer fees.

Details of the Victoria v. Basel match in front of 15,000 people at Olympic Park on January 28, 1964:

VICTORIA 3 (Jurscki, Stankovic 2) FC BASEL 2 (Blumer, Frigerio).

VICTORIA: Putkowski - Rasic, Ackerley - Janczyk, van Alphen, Micic - Campbell, Margaritis, Jurecki, Zientara, Stankovic.

FC BASEL: Stettler - Porleza, Burri - Stocker, Kiefer, Lorfal - Pfirter, Odernatt, Frigerio, Blumer, Gatti.

Victoria had another good victory in 1964 when it beat Praussen Muenster of West Germany 2-1 in front of 17,000 people.

Victoria's team: Hobson - Shepherd, Cook - Janczyk, Rice, Micic - Campbell, McIvor, Mladenovic, Kowalec

TOP SCORERS

Goalscorers for NSW in the seventies:

3. Barnes, Denton.
2. Richards, Armytage, Butler, Sharne, Krncevic, Beggs.
1. Pocock, Warren, Abonyi, Baertz, Keddie, Alston, Keith, Alagich, E. Campbell, Ollerton, Byrne, Stevenson, Jankovics, Raskopoulos, Davies.

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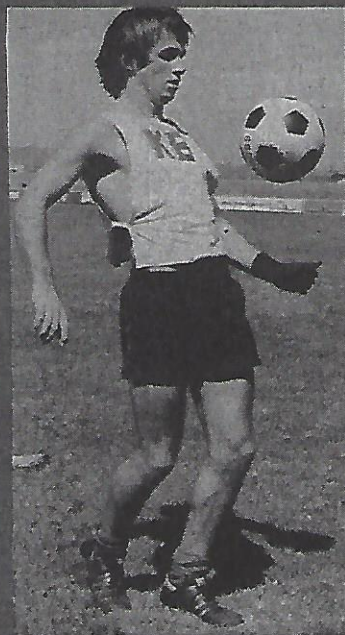
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Goalkeeper Yakko Banovic of Heidelberg United.

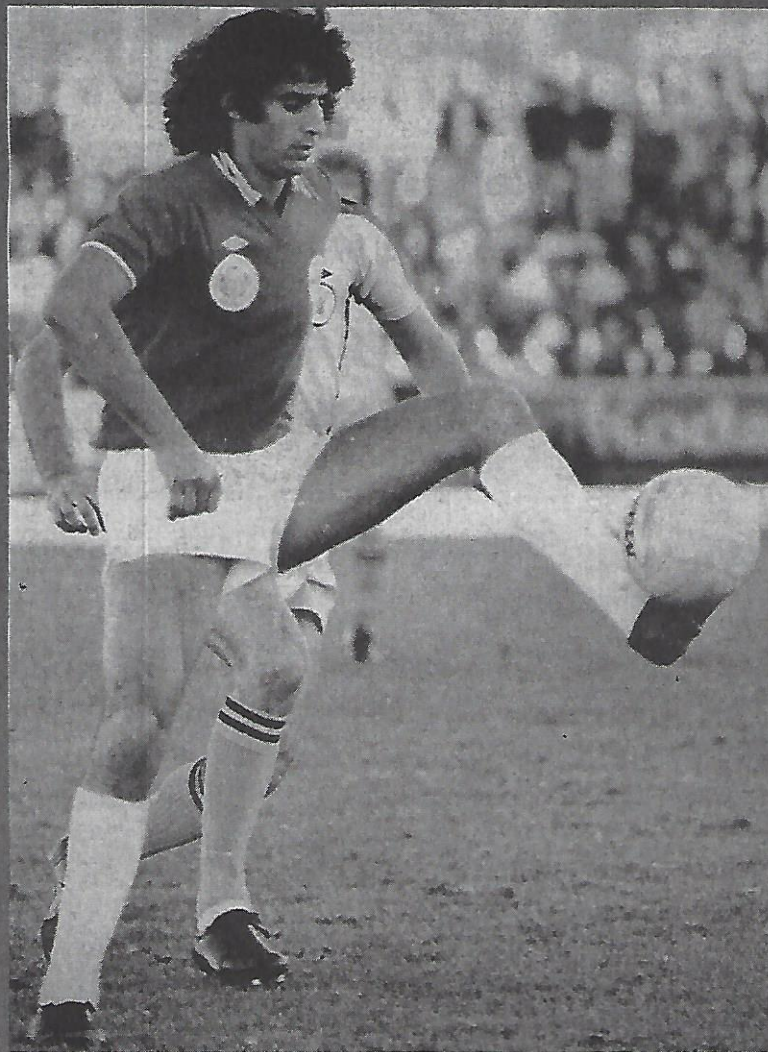


Leichhardt capt Wilson

1980 PHILIPS

ROUND 1 8/9 MARCH
 South Melbourne v Heidelberg Utd.
 West Adelaide v Newcastle KB United
 Sydney City v Marconi
 Blacktown City v St. George
 Leichhardt v Adelaide City
 Brisbane City v Brisbane Lions
ROUND 2 15/16 MARCH
 Heidelberg United v West Adelaide
 Brisbane Lions v South Melbourne
 Newcastle KB United v Sydney City
 Marconi v Blacktown City
 St. George v Leichhardt
 Adelaide City v Brisbane City
 Footscray v Canberra City
ROUND 3 22/23 MARCH
 Sydney City v Heidelberg United
 West Adelaide v South Melbourne
 Blacktown City v Newcastle KB United
 Leichhardt v Marconi
 Brisbane City v St. George
 Canberra City v Adelaide City
 Footscray v Brisbane Lions
ROUND 4 29/30 MARCH
 Heidelberg United v Blacktown City
 South Melbourne v Sydney City
 Brisbane Lions v West Adelaide
 Newcastle KB United v Leichhardt
 Marconi v Brisbane City
 St. George v Canberra City
 Adelaide City v Footscray
ROUND 5 5/6 APRIL
 Leichhardt v Heidelberg Utd.
 Blacktown City v South Melbourne
 Sydney City v West Adelaide
 Brisbane City v Newcastle KB United
 Canberra City v Marconi
 Footscray v St. George
 Adelaide City v Brisbane Lions
ROUND 6 12/13 APRIL
 Heidelberg United v Brisbane City
 South Melbourne v Leichhardt
 West Adelaide v Blacktown City
 Brisbane Lions v Sydney City
 Newcastle KB United v Canberra City
 Marconi v Footscray
 St. George v Adelaide City
ROUND 7 19/20 APRIL
 Canberra City v Heidelberg United
 Brisbane City v South Melbourne
 Leichhardt v West Adelaide
 Blacktown City v Sydney City
 Footscray v Newcastle KB United
 Adelaide City v Marconi
 St. George v Brisbane Lions

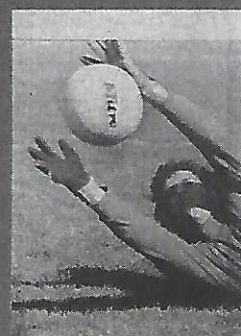
ROUND 8 26/27 APRIL
 Heidelberg United v Footscray
 South Melbourne v Canberra City
 West Adelaide v Brisbane City
 Sydney City v Leichhardt
 Brisbane Lions v Blacktown City
 Newcastle KB United v Adelaide City
 Marconi v St. George
ROUND 9 3/4 MAY
 Adelaide City v Heidelberg United
 Footscray v South Melbourne
 Canberra City v West Adelaide
 Brisbane City v Sydney City
 Leichhardt v Blacktown City
 St. George v Newcastle KB United
 Marconi v Brisbane Lions
ROUND 10 10/11 MAY
 Heidelberg United v St. George
 South Melbourne v Adelaide City
 West Adelaide v Footscray
 Sydney City v Canberra City
 Blacktown City v Brisbane City
 Brisbane Lions v Leichhardt
 Newcastle KB United v Marconi
ROUND 11 17/18 MAY
 Marconi v Heidelberg United
 St. George v South Melbourne
 Adelaide City v West Adelaide
 Footscray v Sydney City
 Canberra City v Blacktown City
 Brisbane City v Leichhardt
 Newcastle KB United v Brisbane Lions
ROUND 12 24/25 MAY
 Heidelberg United v Newcastle KB United
 South Melbourne v Marconi
 West Adelaide v St. George
 Sydney City v Adelaide City
 Blacktown City v Footscray
 Leichhardt v Canberra City
 Brisbane City v Brisbane Lions
ROUND 13 31 MAY/1 JUNE
 Brisbane Lions v Heidelberg United
 Newcastle KB United v South Melbourne
 Marconi v West Adelaide
 St. George v Sydney City
 Adelaide City v Blacktown City
 Footscray v Leichhardt
 Canberra City v Brisbane City



St. George's experienced Argentinian midfielder Rudi Gnani.



Gary Cole (Heidelberg) is fouled by Footscray goalkeeper Dennis Boland.



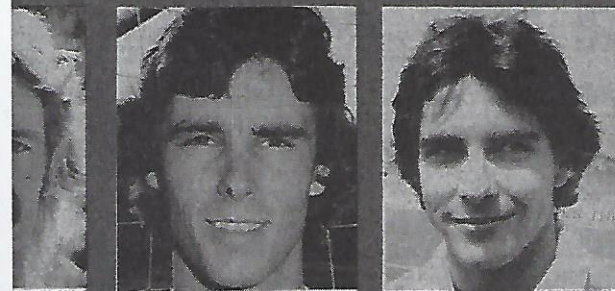
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LEAGUE DRAW

ROUND 14 7/8 JUNE

West Adelaide v Heidelberg United
South Melbourne v Brisbane Lions
Sydney City v Newcastle KB United
Blacktown City v Marconi
Leichhardt v St. George
Brisbane City v Adelaide City
Canberra City v Footscray

ROUND 15 14/15 JUNE

Heidelberg United v South Melbourne
Newcastle KB United v West Adelaide
Marconi v Sydney City
St. George v Blacktown City
Adelaide City v Leichhardt
Footscray v Brisbane City
Brisbane Lions v Canberra City

ROUND 16 21/22 JUNE

Blacktown City v Heidelberg United
Sydney City v South Melbourne
West Adelaide v Brisbane Lions
Leichhardt v Newcastle KB United
Brisbane City v Marconi
Canberra City v St. George
Footscray v Adelaide City

ROUND 17 12/13 JULY

Heidelberg United v Sydney City
South Melbourne v West Adelaide
Newcastle KB United v Blacktown City
Marconi v Leichhardt
St. George v Brisbane City
Adelaide City v Canberra City
Brisbane Lions v Footscray

ROUND 18 19/20 JULY

Heidelberg United v Leichhardt
South Melbourne v Blacktown City
West Adelaide v Sydney City
Newcastle KB United v Brisbane City
Marconi v Canberra City
St. George v Footscray
Brisbane Lions v Adelaide City

ROUND 19 26/27 JULY

Brisbane City v Heidelberg United
Leichhardt v South Melbourne
Blacktown City v West Adelaide
Sydney City v Brisbane Lions
Canberra City v Newcastle KB United
Footscray v Marconi
Adelaide City v St. George

ROUND 20 9/10 AUGUST

Heidelberg United v Canberra City

South Melbourne v Brisbane City

West Adelaide v Leichhardt

Sydney City v Blacktown City

Marconi v Adelaide City

Brisbane Lions v St. George

Footscray v Heidelberg United

Canberra City v South Melbourne

Brisbane City v West Adelaide

Leichhardt v Sydney City

Blacktown City v Brisbane Lions

Adelaide City v Newcastle KB United

St. George v Marconi

ROUND 22 23/24 AUGUST

Heidelberg United v Adelaide City

South Melbourne v Footscray

West Adelaide v Canberra City

Sydney City v Brisbane City

Blacktown City v Leichhardt

Newcastle KB United v St. George

Brisbane Lions v Marconi

ROUND 23 6/7 SEPTEMBER

St. George v Heidelberg United

Adelaide City v South Melbourne

Footscray v West Adelaide

Canberra City v Sydney City

Brisbane City v Blacktown City

Leichhardt v Brisbane Lions

Marconi v Newcastle KB United

ROUND 24 13/14 SEPTEMBER

Heidelberg United v Marconi

South Melbourne v St. George

West Adelaide v Adelaide City

Sydney City v Footscray

Blacktown City v Canberra City

Leichhardt v Brisbane City

Brisbane Lions v Newcastle KB United

ROUND 25 20/21 SEPTEMBER

Newcastle KB United v Heidelberg United

Marconi v South Melbourne

St. George v West Adelaide

Adelaide City v Sydney City

Footscray v Blacktown City

Canberra City v Leichhardt

Brisbane Lions v Brisbane City

ROUND 26 4/5 OCTOBER

Heidelberg United v Brisbane Lions

South Melbourne v Newcastle KB United

West Adelaide v Marconi

Sydney City v St. George

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Brisbane City v Canberra City

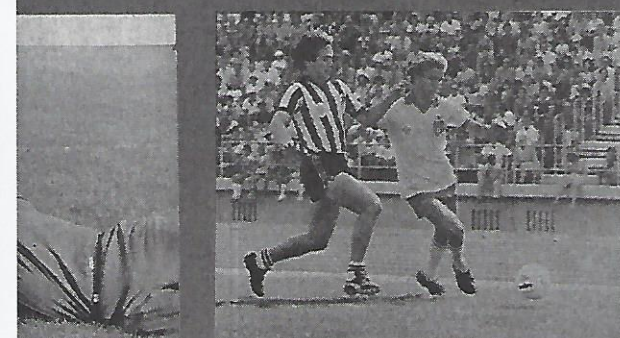
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Australian and Marconi striker Eddie Krncevic.



Heidelberg's goal machine Jamie Paton gets past South Melbourne's Arthur Xanthopoulos to have a shot.



Adelaide City midfielder Sergio Melta (left) challenges Mike Milonovic of Canberra City.

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Pat Bannon (top), with Gary Cole behind him, and Jimmy Rooney (above) collect their silver medals. Bannon and Rooney have been asked to coach Heidelberg until a replacement is found for Manny Poulakakis.

18th success for Burin

When Croatia won the Ampol Cup on Saturday night, it was the 18th major trophy team manager Frank Burin.

With Burin at the helm, Essendon Croatia and its predecessor, Croatia Melbourne, won six Ampol Cups, two Dockerty Cups, two First Division championships, three State League championships, three State League Cups, one Australian Ampol Cup and one Armstrong Cup.

Burin joined Croatia in 1967 and was president when the club was based in Geelong.

He is Croatia's VSE delegate, has been a VSE board member and is manager of the Victorian State squad.

Croatia's players and officials called in at the Croatia Club in Footscray after the Cup final and then went on to the St. Albans Hotel.

The hotel, booked especially for the occasion, was packed with fans who celebrated well into the morning.



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Excellent training facilities will be located in the Brunswick area.

Young players already registered with the Club, as well as boys up to 19 years of age wanting to join, are advised to follow these procedures.

JUNIORS (U/10 to U/16)

Report to Sumner Park, Glenloch Rd., Brunswick (the Northcote end, near the creek) at 5.30 pm on Thursday 28 of February, possibly accompanied by one parent and bringing full training gear. It is essential that parents of juniors be or become members of the Club. All boys will be divided into age groups and introduced to their coach and team manager. New boys are not required to join immediately, but are welcome to train for a short period before deciding to join.

YOUTH (U/19)

Report at Kingswood College, cnr Station and Piedmont Sts., Box Hill (enter in Piedmont Street) on Wednesday 27 or Friday 29 of February at 5.30 pm in full training gear. Parents are not required to become members of the Club, but are certainly welcome. Selected players will join the Club's Youth or Reserve teams.

For further details please ring Mr Mezzadra, 63 8513 (day), Mr Di Zo, 557 7739 (evening) or Mr Armstrong, 370 8197 (evening).

VIVA CROATIA! H'BERG BEATEN AT OWN GAME

By KYLE PATTERSON

Heidelberg United — a fine exponent of the counter-attack game in recent seasons — copped some of its own medicine from Essendon Croatia in the Ampol Cup final last Saturday night.

Croatia had little of the attacking play, and yet created the best scoring chances by way of incisive, direct counter-attacks.

Heidelberg was continually building up and getting players into attacking positions, but was thwarted by bad luck, bad finishing and an excellent Croatia defence.

During 1977 and '78 Heidelberg mastered the counter-attack style under coach John Margaritis, who utilised to the fullest extent the pace of striker Gary Cole.

Heidelberg's game has changed over the past 14 seasons, but the team still had a reputation for being deadly on the break.

Croatia fought fire with fire, and won — another fine achievement for coach John Gardiner.

The 2-1 result took the Ampol Cup to Essendon for the third time in the past four seasons. The other successes were against George Cross (1977) and Preston Makedonia (1978).

Gardiner's pre-match planning was decisive. He decided it would be unwise to try and match Heidelberg with all-out attacking play.

Defence was the basis of his plan, as it had been the week before in the semi-finals against South Melbourne.

Gardiner instructed his defenders to play deep. Only when the team was well into attack would the Croatia defence reach the halfway line.

This tactic was aimed at restricting the space in which Heidelberg could play through balls for Cole and his partner Jamie Paton.

With the Croatia defence playing deep, Heidelberg, in fact, couldn't attempt through balls. Often there was only 20 metres between the last defender and the penalty areas, not enough space for a striker to run onto a through ball.

Any through balls would have been either collected by Croatia goalkeeper Peter Blasby, or run down by retreating defenders.

Gardiner gave each defender a striker to mark. Steve Kokoska marked Paton right out of the game, and Mick Klarin followed Cole. Steve Short was never far away from Andy Bozikas.

Paton tried to throw a spanner into the works by sometimes standing beside Gardiner, who wanted to be the free man to sweep up behind the defence.

In this case, Gardiner stayed with Paton, and Kokoska dropped in behind the other defenders.

Gardiner also had midfielders Ken Murphy, Branko Culina and Joe Tront moving back quickly into defensive midfield role.

Murphy and Culina worked like trojans in midfield, and Cumming was always on guard to prevent Heidelberg full-back Jim Tansey coming down the left flank into attack.

Tront was disappointing. His work-rate wasn't nearly as high as Culina and Murphy, and he created little during the game.

The former Croydon City midfielder will have to show rapid improvement, because with Alan Kerr, Howard

Andrews and Keith Adams returning the axe is hanging over his head.

Tront has been sadly out of touch during the Ampol Cup series, and will not be given much longer to find form.

The first stage of Gardiner's plan was to restrict the Heidelberg attack, to stop through balls for Cole, to stop Tansey overlapping, to pick up Jim Rooney and Jim Campbell when they attacked from midfield, to starve Paton of the service he needs.

Stage two was to exploit any openings in the Heidelberg defence caused by the team pushing up into attack.

Gardiner had a key role in this, as it was his long, raking passes from deep which often caused Heidelberg problems.

Most of Croatia's attacks were launched from deep, with long balls at Carl Gilder and Noel Mitten.

These two strikers were brilliant. Their pace and strength always worried the Heidelberg defence, and if not for some fine defensive play by John Yzendoorn, they would have scored more goals.

A devastating move in the sixth minute earned Croatia the vital opening goal in the final.

The move started with a long, penetrating ball out of defence by Gardiner. Gilder leaped to head the ball to Mitten, supporting on his left.

Mitten then exploded towards goal, racing past Jim Tansey as he went into the penalty area.

Goalkeeper Jeff Oliver did well to smother Mitten's shot, but the ball spilled away to Gilder, who coolly planted it in the empty net.

The move was carried out with expert precision and devastating speed, as were all Croatia's counter-attacks during the game.

The amazing feature of the game was the amount of space in midfield. Because the Croatia defence was playing deep, there were large gaps in the midfield; a rare sight in a tension-packed cup final.

Unfortunately for Heidelberg, the space was of little use. It meant they could keep possession with ease, but didn't alter the fact that the Croatia defence denied Heidelberg space in the places that matter — in the forward line and in front of goals.

Croatia's stars were Gardiner, Kokoska, Culina, Murphy, Gilder and Mitten.

Kokoska provided the muscle, with saving tackles and clearing headers. The best thing about Kokoska is that, while he's a giant in stature, he's agile and swift enough to handle a tricky opponent like Paton.

Gardiner was the general at the back, but showed he has admirable defensive qualities with some fine tackles and clearances.

Of course, his distribution was first class, and I'd go as far as to say he is the finest passer of the ball in Victoria.

Murphy did a 'ton' of defensive work, and seemed not to tire. When others were slowing down, he was going as fast as ever.

Early in the match he played a strange role wide on the left flank, but once Croatia scored, he dropped back deep into midfield.

I was delighted with Culina's form. His performance against Heidelberg proved he has the ability to be a top player, whereas in the past he has been dismissed by many critics as a youngster who didn't get past the 'promising' stage in his career.

He was economical with his passing, and won many balls in midfield. His work as a defender, a weakness in the past, was carried out with determination and aggression.

His creative play was always direct and positive. He played some fine first time passes to Gilder and Mitten, and late in the game played two excellent passes which showed great vision.

The first came midway through the second half when he collected a pass in his own half near the touchline.

Culina was faced by two Heidelberg defenders, and so started a run in-field with the ball, dragging the two Heidelberg players with him.

Gilder then made a diagonal run towards the flank, which Culina spotted. He quickly reversed the play, and swung the ball to Gilder, who was through on his own.

Gilder was run down by Yzendoorn, but managed to pass to Mitten. He slipped the ball to Culina, who had made a run down the middle, and he cracked a shot at goal, which Oliver saved.

The second pass came late in the game, and should have bought a goal. Culina made a crossfield pass to Short, who knocked it back.

Short made a good run into the penalty area, and Culina threaded a pass through the Heidelberg defence. Short was set to score, but Mitten somehow got in his way, and the move fizzled.

Gilder and Mitten gave warning that they will score a heap of goals this season.

Heidelberg had many fine players. John Yzendoorn was superb in defence, supported well by Arthur McMillan and Jim Tansey.

Tansey was subdued as an attacker by the defensive work of Cumming.

Rooney started slowly, but was a dangerous player in the second half with his runs into attack, and deft balls forward.

Campbell looked like a match-winner early in the game, but wasn't as prominent in the second half. However, who will forget his open-goal miss in the second half?

Campbell hit the bar in the second half with another shot, but clearly his earlier chance was perhaps Heidelberg's best for the game.

Cole had several chances to score, and, in fact, managed to get away from his marker Klarin on several occasions.

To describe all Heidelberg's missed chances would take too long. Suffice to say that Heidelberg had perhaps enough chances to win the game twice over.

But clear cut chances fell to Croatia. The team's second (and the game deciding) goal came from the penalty spot.

Mitten broke away with only Oliver to beat. He went around the Heidelberg goalkeeper, and was about to score when brought down.

Murphy converted the penalty to seal victory.

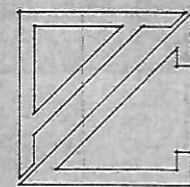
Goals wouldn't come for Heidelberg. There was even some doubt about the validity of the goal referee Bob Henderson awarded to Utd. in the dying minutes.

After a frantic goalmouth scramble, Peter Blasby dived on the ball near the line. It didn't look as though the ball had crossed the line, but after conferring with his linesman, referee Henderson awarded the goal.

However, that decision didn't affect the result, and



Heidelberg's Jim Campbell cracks a shot at goal. The Croatia players around him are, from left: Ken Murphy, Mick Klarin, John Gardiner and, at right, Branko Culina. Picture by STEVE CHATZIS



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Croatia captain Steve Short holds up the Ampol Cup. It was Croatia's third Cup triumph in four years.

Green Gully recruits here Saturday

Green Gully Ajax recruits Gerry Bennett and Bill Morrey get their first chance to look over their new team when Ajax meets Ampol Cup winner Essendon Croatia at Green Gully Reserve, St. Albans at 3 pm on Saturday.

Bennett, 23, a midfielder, is from Winsford United in the English Cheshire League.

Morrey, 28, a goalscoring winger, is from Northern Premier League club Marine.

They arrived from England on Saturday morning.

Ajax is determined to complement its impressive new social club at Green Gully Reserve, with a vastly improved team.

Coach Bobby McLachlan hopes that eventually Ajax will rank alongside Croatia and Makedonia as one of the State League's most powerful soccer clubs.

In the Ampol Cup and in friendly games so far, McLachlan has been assessing the players at his disposal, trying to decide how many of them have what it takes to help power the club up the ladder.

If Bennett and Morrey make the grade, they will join Billy Vojtek, Willie Vassallo, Lou Denys and John Patten as the nucleus of the improved new team.

The Ajax and Croatia reserves will clash at 1.40 pm in the curtain-raiser to Saturday's match.

PLAYERS WANTED

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Jubilant Croatia supporters carry Ken Murphy off the field in triumph.



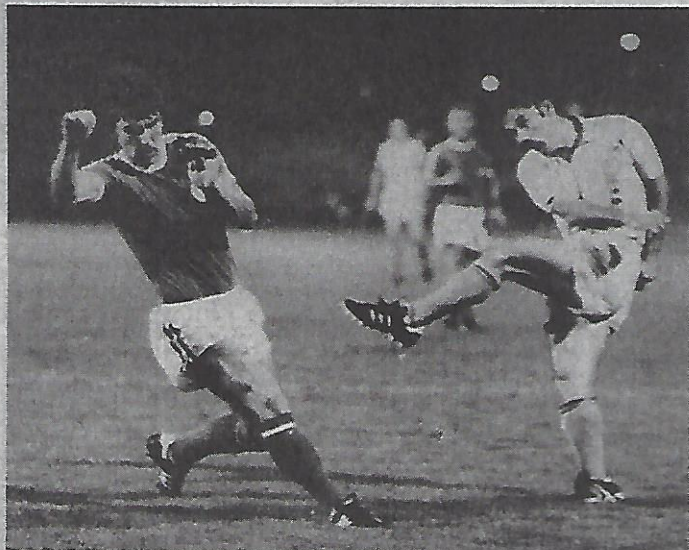
Steve Kokoska, impassable in defence, heads clear a Heidelberg attack. At right is Branko Culina and in the background Charlie Yankos.



One of the many confrontations between Gary Cole (left) and Steve Kokoska.



Croatia striker Carl Gilder (right), guarded by Pat Bannon.



Jimmy Rooney slams a shot past Croatia's Joe Tront. Picture by LES SHORROCK.

HELLAS GREATS TO BOOST FALCONS, WILLIAMS TO MOVE

Steve Walker and Jim Armstrong — two star players in the great South Melbourne Hellas team of the middle 1970s — have joined ambitious Second Division club Morwell Falcons.

Walker and Armstrong will renew their friendship with former Soccerco Sandy Irvine, who is player/coach of Morwell Falcons.

The trio have been team mates on one previous occasion — in 1973 when playing for Victoria against the touring Cruzeiro at Olympic Park.

Branko Buljevic, now with South Melbourne, scored Victoria's only goal against Cruzeiro.

However, any future combination featuring the celebrated trio are likely to be far more successful.

Morwell Falcons won promotion from the Third Division last season, and under the inspiring leadership of Irvine, hopes to leap straight into the First Division.

Walker was full of enthusiasm when I spoke to him last week.

"I wish I had played last season, but I was involved in coaching South Melbourne's Second Division team," said Walker.

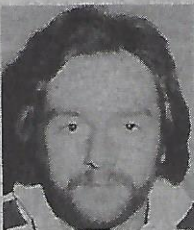
"Jimmy and myself are feeling pretty fit, and know we are going to enjoy our football with Falcons."

Walker is currently helping Juventus coach, Manti Poulakakis, but will not be his full-time assistant.

Armstrong, who was caretaker coach of Juventus during the Ampol Cup, is the Director of Junior Coaching at Juventus, and will remain in this post this season.

Armstrong and Walker, who will train in Melbourne and travel to Morwell on weekends for 'home' games, have been given free transfers by Juventus.

Walker said he was pleased Juventus hadn't stood in the



Jim Williams

players' way, and that both would continue to help Juventus.

Walker started his career in Australia with Essendon Lions. He transferred to South Melbourne, and won Victoria honors, before finishing his State League career with Juventus.

Armstrong, the highest goalscorer in the State League, first played with Hakoah St Kilda. He joined South Melbourne, and won Australian and Victorian representative honors, before joining Juventus in 1977 with Walker.

Irvine won Australian and Victorian honors while with Juventus. He then transferred to Frankston City, before taking over at Morwell in 1978.

Morwell is likely to sign Doncaster Rovers midfielder Alan Williams, whose employment has taken him to the L'etrobe Valley.

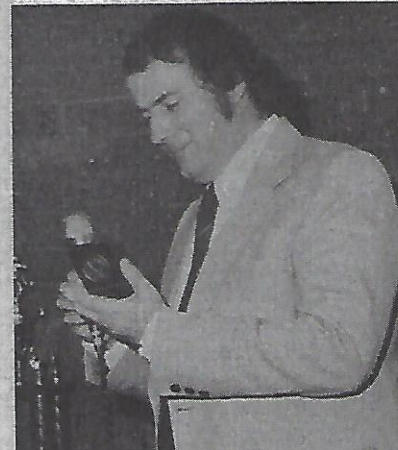
Morwell's first test for 1980 comes in the first round of the Dockerty Cup. The Falcons have been drawn against arch rivals Frankston in the first preliminary round.

The game, which will be played at Fawkner, will see the clash of the two teams that fought so hard against each other for promotion last season.

Morwell, of course, won that battle, but Fawkner, with new coach Mike Lynn, will be going all out for revenge.

McArthur No. 1 at Croydon

Peter McArthur, MLA, is now a patron and the No. 1



Peter McArthur, MLA, pictured after being presented with a trophy to honor his new position as patron and No. 1 member of Croydon City.

Victorian round-up with KYLE PATTERSON

member of State League club Croydon City.

The recruitment of McArthur, a boost to Croydon City, which is aiming for rapid growth in the 1980s.

McArthur was recently presented with a commemorative trophy to honor his acceptance of the Croydon positions.

Irvine suspended

Doveton has suspended striker Steve Irvine because he refused to sign a contract for the 1980 season.

Irvine, who was sought by Juventus, was asked to sign last week, but declined, saying he wanted a week to consider his position.

Doveton's administration informed Irvine that he was in dispute with the club, and therefore couldn't play or train with the first team until he had signed a contract.

Irvine said this week he was likely to stay with Doveton, but was still anxious to join a State League club.

"Juventus hasn't been able to get Doveton to reduce the \$6,000 transfer fee," said Irvine, "and isn't willing to pay that much for me."

"Doveton made me a good offer to stay, but I don't want to sign for another week in case a club comes up with the money to buy me."

If Doveton retains Irvine, and it's almost certain it will, the First Division championship should be well within the club's reach.

Doveton is set to sign Dandenong City winger Alan Quinn and has secured Springvale City midfielder Arthur Cherry.

Box Hill defender Paul Corke is high on Doveton's wanted list, and striker Neil Colyer from Whylla is also training with the club.

Cherry was set to join Dandenong City, but is signed with Doveton, joining former team mate Hugh Campbell.

Campbell transferred from Springvale to Doveton earlier this season.

Quinn has a set fee of \$500 on his head, but problems have developed with his transfer. Quinn is likely to seek the help of the VSF to solve the problem.

Doveton is negotiating with Box Hill for Corke's clearance, but no agreement has been reached.

Mathot at Vermont

Hank Mathot has been appointed coach of District League club Vermont.

Mathot, who has coached at Ringwood City and Doncaster Rovers, hopes to lead Vermont to the top of the District League Second Division.

Vermont, which plays at Hoorland Road, South Blackburn, is looking for senior players and juniors for under 11 and under 14 teams.

For information, ring Mr. Inglesse on 221 3355.

Yugoslav Cup to Tarax

Industrial League team Tarax won the Yugoslav Cup when it defeated Springvale Utd 4-1 at Ross Reserve, Springvale on Sunday, February 17.

Eight clubs took part in the tournament, which attracted several thousand spectators.

Results of preliminary matches at Lilydale on February 10 — Tarax 2 Footscray JUST seconds 1, Springvale Utd 6 Bosna 4, Hawksburn 6 Blue Danube 0, Wiltona Vojvodina 6, Springvale City under 18s 4.

Semi finals at Ross Reserve — Tarax 4 Wiltona Vojvodina 1, Springvale Utd 2 Hawksburn 1.

JLMC angry

Several members of the Junior League Management Committee are annoyed with Len McKendry, the Director of Coaching in Victoria.

The JLMC is believed to be interested in accepting an offer from coach Fred Brooks, who is willing to help with coaching of junior coaches throughout the State.

Brooks, the former coach of Sunbury Utd, and senior badge holder, has been waiting for some time for the 'go ahead'.

However, the JLMC can't make any such decision without the approval of McKendry, who in his job governs all coaching in Victoria.

The JLMC has been trying to arrange a meeting with McKendry, and sort out the position, but the State coach's busy schedule hasn't allowed him the time.

With the junior season starting, the JLMC is anxious to get an answer from McKendry.

Summer Cup to H'berg

Heidelberg took out the Eltham Summer Cup and the \$250 first prize by defeating Doncaster 2-1 in an exciting final last week.

Eltham's 'A' side won the \$500 prize for scoring the highest number of goals in the three preliminary rounds. The team scored 15 goals.

'Hands off' warns Vrzina

Prahran Slavia manager Tony Vrzina has issued a stern warning to Victorian State League clubs to 'keep their hands off' ace winger Jim Williams.

An angry Vrzina hit out after Williams had successfully appealed to the Victorian Soccer Federation disputes committee for a transfer.

The VSF committee has instructed Slavia to make Williams available for transfer at \$2,000.

Vrzina, who was stunned by the VSF decision, has already lodged an appeal with Soccer House in a bid to get the decision reversed, or at least altered.

However, Vrzina knows his chances of retaining Williams depend on the reactions of other clubs in Victoria.

"I know of clubs in the State League who are prepared to offer Williams a lot of money to lure him away from Slavia," said Vrzina.

"I'd like to tell these clubs to keep right away, because Slavia wants to keep Williams. We are trying to build a strong team, but haven't a chance if our top players are poached by rich clubs."

Vrzina added that the future of the State League would be in serious doubt if all the top players continually joined the top two teams in the league.

"The State League will never progress if two teams dominate year after year," said Vrzina. "Clubs must be given the chance to develop strong teams, and compete with the financially stronger clubs."

"If any club moves in for Williams, Slavia will use the strongest measures possible in retaliation."

Vrzina was surprised that Williams had appealed to the VSF, as Slavia had been negotiating a new contract with the former Victorian State team winger.

"Williams was unsettled last season, and wanted to leave Slavia," said Vrzina. "But when he returned from the UK recently, the club had talks and hoped to retain Williams."

"The club had paid him money as part of the negotiations, and were confident he would stay."

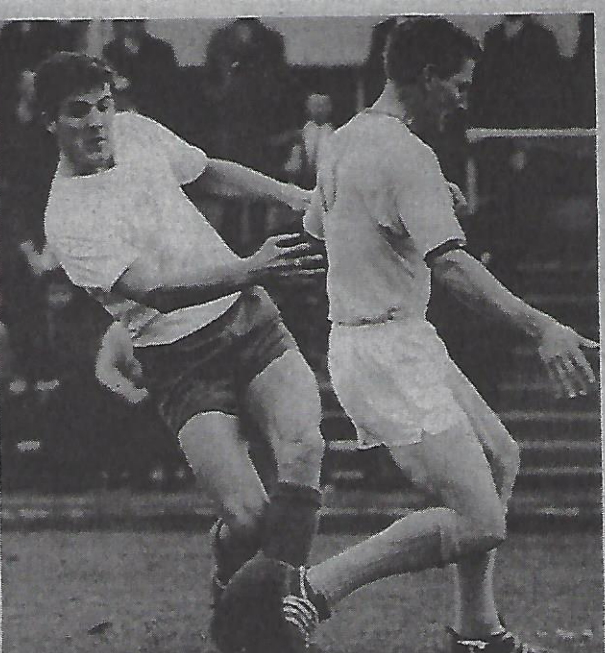
Williams won his appeal on a technicality, changing addresses. The contract stipulated that the club must notify the player in writing before December 1, 1979 (the last day of the contract) if the club wants to exercise its option and re-sign the player.

Slavia did not notify Williams, and the player therefore claimed the club didn't want to re-sign him. The VSF committee agreed with Williams, who said he should be placed on the transfer list.

The price of \$2,000 was set by the VSF committee.

In its appeal, Slavia hopes to prove it did want to retain Williams, even though it breached the contract by not notifying the player.

Slavia will present evidence that Williams changed addresses without notifying the club, and that this made it impossible for Slavia to get in contact



Former Hellas great Steve Walker (left) goes past his Kakoh opponent John O'Neill.

Slavia will also point out that Williams left Australia for the UK during the close season, and this also prevented the club from contacting the player.

The situation regarding money supposedly paid to Williams this year is likely to be brought up at Slavia's appeal.

Vrzina said he was confident Slavia would have the decision changed. He said he would also appeal on the price placed on Williams.

"How can the VSF say the best left winger in Victoria is worth only \$2,000?" asked Vrzina. "Williams is worth much more than that on the current transfer market."

Vrzina said Slavia definitely didn't want to sell Williams.

"Many people accuse Slavia of selling players to make a profit," said Vrzina. "But if you look at the past dealings, it has always been the big clubs coming to Slavia for players."

"Slavia has tried hard to keep good players, but other clubs have offered the players so much money that Slavia couldn't compete."

Williams will not be able to transfer from Slavia until the second appeal has been heard by the VSF.

Petersen sacked

Frankston City has sacked goalkeeper Frank Petersen.

Petersen, one of the characters of the Victorian State League, has been put on the transfer list by coach Nigel Bevis.

Bevis is believed to be unhappy with Petersen's attitude to training.

Petersen's transfer-listing coincided with the arrival of Sunshine City goalkeeper Peter Clarke at Frankston.

Clarke has been training with Frankston, and wants to



Jim Armstrong (left, in Hellas colors) looks around after deflecting the ball past Hakoah goalkeeper Sandy Henderson.

join the Bayside club, although Sunshine's demand of a \$2,500 fee could be restrictive.

Clarke was with Sunshine for only one season, joining the club from Prahran Slavia in 1979.

However, Frankston's goalkeeping problem could be solved by youngster Dave Gilbert, who has represented Australia at under-16 level.

Gilbert has spent some time with English First Division club Norwich City, and is reported to have made great progress.

He played several first team games for Frankston last season, and with the extra experience could be an outstanding player in the State League.

Frankston City is interested in signing polished centre half

Nick Lowe from Sunshine City.

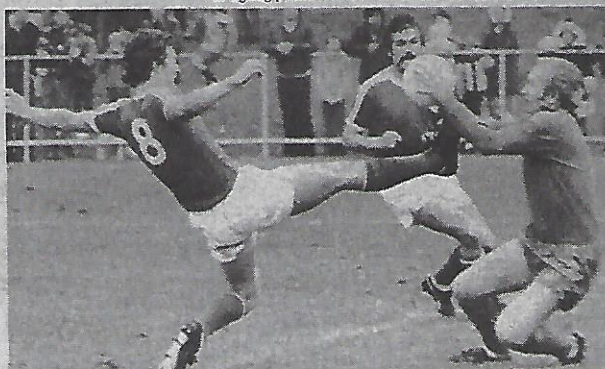
Lowe, who was captain of English League team Oxford Utd, joined Sunshine in 1978 from Mooroolbark Utd when that club folded.

Unsettled Ged Bannon is yet to leave Frankston, but there are many clubs who would like to sign the hard-working midfielder.

Frankston City had a special general meeting last night (Tuesday) to solve the current administrative crisis.

Trouble at Frankston came to a head when secretary Les Smith and playing committee chairman Del Lines resigned several weeks ago.

Since then, Frankston has been in turmoil, but the meeting last night hopefully united the two factions with the club.



Sacked Frankston goalkeeper Frank Petersen (right) grabs the ball off the foot of Croatia's Alan Kerr. Croatia's John Gardiner looks on.

DOCKERTY CUP

The preliminary round of the Victorian Dockerty Cup will be played on Saturday, March 8. The second preliminary round will be played on March 15. Kick-off time is 2.45 pm.

1st Preliminary Round: Mornington v Eltham, Park Rangers v Port Melbourne, Fawkner v Morwell Falcons, Yallourn v Brighton, Corio v Box Hill, Nunawading City v Tarax, Doveton v St Albans, Keysborough v Nunawading United, Richmond v Doncaster Rovers, Sandringham v Moreland, Frankston Pines v Prahran City.

The following clubs have byes: Waverley City, Central City, Heidelberg Utd, Ball Park, South Melbourne, Ferntree Gully, Altona Gate, Ringwood United, Melbourne, Coburg, Footscray, Dandenong City, West Geelong, Traralgon, Ardeer, Monash University, Werribee, Springvale City.

2nd Preliminary Round: Park Rangers or Port Melbourne v Waverley City, Doveton or St Albans v Keysborough or Nunawading United, Central City v Nunawading City or Tarax, Frankston Pines or Prahran City v Sandringham or Moreland, Heidelberg United v Corio or Box Hill, Ball Park v Fawkner or Morwell Falcons, Richmond or Doncaster v South Melbourne, Ferntree Gully v Altona Gate, Ringwood United v Melbourne, Yallourn or Brighton v Knox City, Heidelberg v Broadmeadows, Coburg v Footscray, Dandenong City v West Geelong, Traralgon v Ardeer, Monash University v Mornington or Eltham, Werribee v Springvale City.

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Perryman's switch shows the way

The changing face of English soccer has become more and more evident during the past two seasons, with its increasing emphasis on skill.

This change has been accelerated by the introduction of South American and European players.

The most noticeable area where you notice the change over from power to skill is in the striking positions.

The tall, often immobile "target man" as epitomised by players like ex-Liverpool strikers, Tony Hateley and John Toshack is a diminishing species in English teams.

The trend now is towards mobile, skilful strikers like Nottingham Forest's Trevor Francis, Gary Birtles and the departed Tony Woodcock.

Other similarly speedy, ball-playing strikers who come readily to mind are Brighton's Ward, Arsenal's Stapleton and of course the Liverpool duo of Johnston and Dalglish, backed up by super-sub, Fairclough.

Liverpool for years had played to a system that exploited the heading ability of a tall central striker.

Increasingly involved in Europe's more sophisticated tactical manoeuvring, Liverpool steadily has been introducing more mobility and flexibility into its play.



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As English strikers become more and more mobile it seems inevitable that the huge twin centre backs who traditionally in England have blocked everything in the air will become an increasing liability.

Already you have one club Tottenham which has opted for the sweeper-stopper combination, more readily seen among European teams.

Manager Burkinshaw has put Perryman, a small, former midfielder, into the sweeper position behind the big centre back, a move unheard of in English soccer even three or four years ago.

Burkinshaw, with his signing of the gifted Argentinians, Villa and Ardiles, already has the sweeper position not confined by the traditions of English soccer.

With Ron Greenwood also pointing the way with flair,

improvisation and skills in the England team, the stage is set for a massive uplift in skill in the English game during the '80s.

The traditional assets of determination, teamwork and excellent kicking and heading, when reinforced with true skill on the ball, will make England a much more feared force in international competition.

With its highly competitive Football League providing a wonderful testing ground for future stars, I expect to see English teams win many more trophies in international competitions at club and national team levels.

LET'S STOP THE ROT

From page one

As for the TV deal and sponsorship being negotiated by the West Naffly company from England — well, I'll reserve my judgement until the deal is finalised, but I now have doubts on certain aspects of this deal.

In all this, the PSL looks to have been shoved under the carpet and the clubs are near rebellion.

They already have warned that the future of Australian soccer at the present time is "anything but promising."

To quote Hakoah (Sydney City) club president Frank Lowy at the club's 10th annual meeting —

"The Philips League is under the control of the Australian Soccer Federation and the league has very little say in what is happening in Australian soccer."

"Policy at Australian Soccer Federation level towards the Philips League is by no means as progressive as it should be and the league finds itself in competition with the various States which in fact control the Australian Soccer Federation."

"Any progressive moves are being stifled because of the vested interests of State representatives on the Australian Soccer Federation — in my view, to the detriment of soccer generally."

There's no need for me to make any further comment.

As for the national team and national coach Gutendorf, a number of our administrators had better take a long look at themselves in the mirror when they shave in the morning and give themselves an almighty shake.

For a number of these people — I refuse to call them gentlemen — are not giving Gutendorf the support he deserves or should get.

Mind you, its probably not their fault, as amateurs always find it difficult to work with a complete professional such as Gutendorf.

When the ASF signed Rudi Gutendorf, it wanted a top coach and a personality to get it out of the mess left by former national coach Jim Shouler.

Well, Gutendorf has done just that, but he's probably been too good and become too big a personality for a new people and now they want to chop him down.

I've seen it happen before, regrettably to Rale Rasic.

Gutendorf, Rasic and in fact all top coaches are not yes men and never will be — that's the reason they're at the top of the pile and the yes men the losers.

Gutendorf can get the Socceros to Spain — but he needs help to do so, not hindrance.

Soccer is the greatest game in the world, and if commonsense prevailed it also would be a great game here in Australia.

For years and years, backbiting, petty politics and sheer lack of knowhow have made the code a bit of a joke in sporting circles.

Now, just when this unenviable mantle looks like being shed, the storm clouds are gathering once more.

For the sake of all the thousands of youngsters playing soccer in Australia, the rot must be stopped immediately.

THE END FOR WATKISS?

Olympic stormed into the semi-finals with a late blitz on Melita Eagles. The 4-2 win was not as easy as the scoreline would suggest and it could easily have gone the other way had Melita taken its first-half chances.

Alas, those who miss, usually finish up in the losing end and this is exactly what happened to Melita. In the Olympic on a merry chase in the first half and scored early through Marcello, then succumbed to the late onslaught by this experienced Olympic side.

Olympic coach Jim Adam, although pleased with the win, had little to enthuse about his team's first-half showing and must tighten some loose nuts in his defence before going into the semi-finals.

The first quarter-final at St George East Friday night produced little skill.

Steve Meades came to the rescue (yet again) with a goal in the 66th-minute to put his island one step closer and yet another Ampol Cup final.

Johnny Watkiss, the veteran of Australian soccer, must seriously consider his chances against much faster and fitter players before pulling on a jersey in another Cup game. His form is far below par and his speed has deteriorated.

Old Hoss has given the game everything he had and to carry on at this point must be considered as a refusal by the old master to give the younger and eager men at Sutherland their chance.

At St George Stadium today (Wednesday) we are going to look at another four candidates for the semi-finals. Croatia meets Auburn and Wollongong tackles Bankstown.

Croatia slowly moved into top gear in the preliminary rounds before unleashing some of its power in its last encounter to notch a quarter-final berth.

Abyoni is sadly missed and the side is searching for a mid-field general.

Basic has developed into a great sweeper and certainly is Croatia's best defender, while Smith as always remains the most dependable backline fighter.

The midfield is full of class, but little of it has been produced so far while at the front Marian Kovacic looks far the best.

Auburn has accounted for Yugal and Monaro in scrappy encounters and rarely showed Cup final form. McCracken scored two goals in two outings and remains the sole attacking force against this well drilled Croatia team.

My Tip: Croatia.

Wollongong beat Croatia, then came from behind to draw against Kurling and



NSW AMPOL CUP

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Marrickville. It remains undefeated after three games against the cream of NSW State League clubs.

Bankstown on the other hand scored three decisive wins and on paper must rate favorite against the South-erners.

However, I pick Wollongong to surprise yet again and defeat Bankstown in today's quarter-final.

Olympic 4 Melita Eagles 2

Ground: St George Stadium. Crowd: 2876. Referee: Richie Lorenz 7. Yellow cards: J. Rowden. Red Cards: Nil.

Scorers: Olympic: Eaton 2, Rowden. Scott: Melita: J. Morosello, Owen.

OLYMPIC: Meier 7, Ankudinoff 7, Palmer 6, Wilson 7, Rowden 6, Cross 7, Ling 8 (Kovacic 85), Zerco 7, Scott 6, Eaton 6, Honan 6.

MELITA: Bracklow 6, McDonald 5, Davill 6, Betman 6, Mikas 6, Parker 6 (Berry 70), Morosello 7, Farugie 8, Allen 6, Stoddard 7, Jones 6.

Olympic waited till the final 14 minutes before surging home to score two goals to move into the semi-finals.

For 76 minutes it was an even match, with Melita holding its own against speedy Olympic and at times proving the better of the two.

Chances came thick and fast, with Melita being more creative and managing more than twice as many chances in the first half as its opponent.

Garry Meier had his hand full in this half and was certainly the man Melita should "blame" for the lack of goals on the score sheet.

Melita proved the better of the two in the first half yet went in with the score at 1:1 at the break.

The first goal was a gem. Tony Morosello picked up the ball some 35 metres from goal before firing a rocket-like shot that left Meier floundering. Only nine minutes had elapsed in the first half and Melita looked set to surprise.

Olympic equalised through Eaton to nullify Melita's 9th-minute effort.

Second half produced goals galore.

Owen made it 2-1 for Melita in the 66th-minute, then came Olympic's avalanche. Eaton in the 69th, Rowden in the 76th and Scott in the 78th put the issue beyond doubt.

Wollongong Utd 4 Marrickville 4

Ground: St George Stadium. Crowd: 337. Referee: Richie Lorenz 6. Yellow cards: Nil. Red cards: Nil.

Goals: Marrickville: Thompson 3, Williams. Wollongong: Fontana, Jiras, Defkoviak, Heradi.

WOLLONGONG: Terzovski, Petkovski, Trajceviak, N. Terzovski, Tolevski, Sedn, Heradi, Defkoviak, Fontana, Bingham, Jiras.

MARRICKVILLE: El Zein, Charella, Sarsa, Boagano, Scheldrick, Thompson, Kable, Williams, Thammida, Byles, Brown.

These two teams delighted the small crowd with a feast of goals in a sparkling display.

The match was played at a tremendous pace from the first whistle with both teams committed to fast, open football.

It was a brave move by Wollongong to play the game in this fashion, where high scores are likely, for it would have required a loss of two goals for Kurling to have taken a place in the quarters instead of Wollongong.

The first goal came only five minutes into the match when Thompson blasted a shot just under the bar to give Marrickville a lead. This lead was short lived however, for only five minutes later Fontana equalised after some fine lead up by Satin.

Both teams wasted chances before Marrickville went ahead 3-2. However, Wollongong showed some of its fighting spirit in the second half and, prompted by a pep talk from Mike Johnson, came out fighting to equalise and then go into the lead midway through the second half.

Marrickville equalised in the ending seconds but for Wollongong it meant little. If anything I feel that its quarter-final opponent must be a little easier than Auburn, which it would have met had it won the game against Marrickville.

Bankstown 2 Yugal 0

Scorers: Daley 34th, Rootsey 66th.

Crowd: 337. Stadium: St George. Referee: G. Warne 7. Yellow cards: Nil.

BANKSTOWN: Lachowicz 7, Thompson 5, Lambrky 5.

Bankers 5, Lynch 6, Morrison 5, (Nocera 80), Rootsey 6, Tansey 5, Peak 5, Daley 7, Davis 6.

YUGAL: Kostale 6, Dagis 5, Mlcov (Jaramilo 45), Novakovic 5, Klampner 5, Radovic 5, Pokrajac 5 (Targalo 45-5), Tanoaki 7, Piper 5, Radivojevic 6, Travin 7.

Bankstown defeated Yugal 2-1 in a mediocre game at St George Stadium before a small crowd of 337. The game had no bearing on the final make up of the quarter-finals and both teams displayed a corresponding lack of interest.

The poor standard of play was made worse by a lack of noteworthy events, and it was not until the 20th minute of the match that an effective move was put together.

Bankstown's first goal at the 34th-minute after a cross from Thompson on the right flank. Tansley received the ball and cut it back to Daley, who blasted it past the keeper. It was yet another goal by Daley in this year's Ampol Cup and should sound a warning to all other defenders who oppose him this season.

Rootsey hammered a 35 metre shot under the crossbar midway through the second half to shut the door on any hope Yugal might have had of getting a point out of this year's Ampol Cup. But the goal gave Bankstown top billing in Group B.

Bankstown will have to play far better to hold out the entertaining Wollongong side in the quarter-final match at Barton Park.

Sutherland 1 Arncliffe 0

Scorers: Meades 61st.

Ground: St George Stadium. Crowd: 2876 (double header).

Referee: Peter Rampley 6. Yellow cards: Sides (A), Murphy (S).

SUTHERLAND: Haynes 6, Tasker 7, Hesford 6, Smith 8, R. Schumann 6, Watkiss 8, Harrington 7, Meades 7, Bush 6, Rogers 5, Murphy 6.

ARNCLIFFE: Marsden 6, Ramlich 6, Wignall 6, Smart 6, Ainslie 5, Lee 5, (Butcher 63), Oldham 6, Luckett 8, Montgomery 6, Sides 5, Tracey 5.

Sutherland improved on its recent performance against jowly Parramatta to be the first team into the semi-finals with a deserved 1-0 win over much-improved Arncliffe.

We expected Arncliffe to control proceedings with some very expensive and experienced men in the team,

Ainslie and Luckett joined from Sydney Olympic, teaming up with John Lee, (the Rothmans medal winner), Sides and Tracey.

However, with John Lee somewhat thick around the midriff and Ainslie, Sides and Tracey on the "slow" side at the end of their careers, the youthful and eager Sutherland side proved to much on the day, winning yet again after a goal by Steve Meades.

Sutherland was the more creative side in the first half and should have led early had their players taken the scoring chances. In the second half, both sides fired on all cylinders but Sutherland's midfield combination proved better on the day.

Sutherland repeatedly defence-eagled Arncliffe's defence with the use of both flanks creating havoc in the area, while Arncliffe elected to go through the middle.

In the 61st-minute, young Mark Harrington crossed for Meades to head past Marsden. He must take full blame for this goal as Meades header was fairly weak.

The game produced some venom in its closing stages as Arncliffe made desperate attempts to equalise. Peter Rampley took the names of Murphy and Sides as tempers flared.

Sutherland makes yet another entry into the semi-finals and must take a chance on this display to reach its third successive Ampol Cup final.

FINAL PLACINGS IN GROUPS:

Group "A"

Croatia.....6:2 4
Wollongong.....8:7 4
Kurling.....8:10 3
Canterbury.....7:10 1

Group "B"

Bankstown.....8:3 6
Auburn.....4:2 4
Monaro.....7:6 2
Yugal.....1:9 0

Group "C"

Olympic.....7:1 6
Sutherland.....4:2 4
Manly.....2:2 2
Parramatta.....0:8 0

Group "D"

Arncliffe.....6:4 4
Melita.....5:3 3
Avala.....4:5 3
North Sydney.....4:9 2

QUARTER FINALS:

Sydney Olympic 4 Melita Eagles 2, Sutherland 1 Arncliffe 0. Today (Wednesday).

Croatia v Auburn, Wollongong v Bankstown.



South Australian Ampol Cup

with MENO TOUTSIDIS

Victoria main threat to Beograd

Only a dramatic form reversal will deprive Beograd of the SA Ampol Cup.

It beat Campbelltown 3-1 last Friday night, to hold top position and grab a semi-final berth.

Milan Opacic put Beograd onto the path to its fifth victory in the 45th minute with a fine header.

Two minutes later Adrian Santrac made it 2-0 with an angled drive.

Campbelltown cut the lead in the 62nd minute when Ammirato scored from the penalty spot after Marcel Barendregt had been brought down.

However, substitute Dragon Kalinovic restored the two goal advantage with a 72nd minute shot.

Cumberland grabbed fourth place with a fine 3-4 win over Para Hills, which has yet to win a game in the competition.

Brian Welsh opened the scoring in the 28th minute with a crashing drive.

David Leane made it 2-0 in the 64th minute and eight minutes later Julian Stuart completed the rout.

Despite Cumberland's win, the side which is likely to threaten Beograd for the Cup is Victoria which beat Azurri 6-1 the previous Monday night.

Chris Key grabbed a glorious hat-trick and could well power Victoria to its second Ampol Cup in 11 years.

Victoria plays Polonia and Beograd meets Elizabeth on Friday night in the last preliminary round before the finals.

BEograd 3 (Opacic 45 mins, Santrac 47 mins, Kalinovic 72 mins), CAMPBELLTOWN 1 (Ammirato 62 mins).

BEograd: Maricic 6, Campbell 7, Sim 7, Harwood 7, Urulakio 7, Opacic 8, Evans 7, Wiksteine 7, Arzine 7, Santrac 8, Pangrazio 7 (Kalinovic).

Para Hills: Leonardis 7, Kozuch 7, Garrafa 7, Manicic 7, Richardson 7, Chadwick 6, Matrician 7, Ammirato 8, Heigh 6, Ambler 6 (Deplinto), Barendregt 6.

CUMBERLAND 3 (Welsh 28 mins, Leane 63 mins, Stuart 72 mins). PARA HILLS 0.

CUMBERLAND: Chermann 7, B. Leane 7, Harvey 8, Ball 7, Tuffa 7, Mahony 7, Penkhurst 7, Leane 7, Welsh 8, Perks 7.

PARA HILLS: Miller 7, Cole 6 (Oddy), Vizzari, Weeks 7, Burton 7, Tomlinson 8, Brown 7, Durrant 7, Toner 7, Bell 8, Moss 7 (Scott 7).

W D L F A P
Beograd.....5 1 12 6 11
Victoria.....4 1 24 8 8
Elizabeth.....3 1 210 7 7
Campbelltown.....2 2 9 7 8
Polonia.....1 3 2 4 5 5
Campbelltown.....2 1 3 7 10
Azurri.....1 2 3 7 13 4
Para Hills.....2 4 4 14 2

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LEKCIJA PHILIPS LIGI

ESSENDON/CROATIA je lako i ubedljivo pobedila Heidelberg u finalu Ampol Kupa, cime je dovela u pitanje ugled i autoritet Philips lige, koja treba da bude kram australskog nogometa. U praksi izgleda nije tako, jer su administrativne i birokratske obaveze u Philips ligi sve vece i vece, a mogucnost klubova sve manje i manje. Kak i najboljih klubova posrcu pod teretom obaveza, sto oslabljuju njihov igracki fond. Ali sve to nije dovoljno opravdanje za Hellas i Heidelberg da tako lako proigravaju sansu i ugled Philips lige. Croatia je dobila adut, koji se tesko moze odbaciti na kraju sezone, kada se budu birali novi clanovi Philips lige.

PRENOS UTAKMICA EVROPSKIH KUPOVA

Jugoslovenski slusatelji koji rado slušaju u Melbourne i Sidneju treba da se pripreme za nepospanu noc. Preporoceno im da legnu sto ranije veceras i da se probude oko 2 sata izjutra, cetvrtak 6. aprila. Tacono u to vreme pocinje prenos cetvrt-finalne utakmice Evropskog kupa pobednika kupova izmedju Rijeka i Juventus, koja se igra na Kantirid. Posel prenos ove utakmice slusaci ce imati odmor od jednog sata, a zatim pocinje glavna atrakcija; cetvrtfinalna Kupa Evropskih sampiona izmedju Hamburga i Hajduka. Ova utakmica se završava oko 0.45 izjutra po istocno-australskom vremenu. Nadamo se da ce na vreme biti izbegnute sve smetnje, koje su nas vise puta do sada razocarale i koje nam nikada nisu bile posteno objasnjene.

IZLET NA J.U.S.T.-OVOM IGRALISTU

U nedelju 2. marta J.U.S.T. proredjuje izlet na svom igralistu od 10 sati izjutra do mraka. Program ce biti bogat i raznovrsan, a glavna atrakcija je utakmica prvog tima protiv odabranog protivnika, sto ce biti nadahnuće objavljeno. Preporoceno se izletnicima da ponesu svoju hranu i pice. Razume se, hranu treba da podesi prema vremenu. Ako bude zabranjeno paljenje vatre na otvorenom, neka ostave kod kuće svoje roštilje. Bice otvorena kantina za sve one koji nemaju vremena da sami pripreme hranu. Za rano takmicenje, dolaze u vreme se pripreme, muskarci i žene, a narocito treba uzvati nosenje jopce na glavi i proigravanje na jednoj nozi.

J.U.S.T. PROTIV ALEKSANDRA U SUBOTU

U subotu, 1. marta, odigrace se na JUST-ovom igralistu u Footscray prijateljska utakmica izmedju JUST-a i Heidelberg. Glavna utakmica pocinje u 4 sata po podne, dolaze u vreme sastanka u 2.15. Ovo ce biti poslednja proba pred pocetak prvenstva, jer vec 10. nedelje 9. marta JUST igra u Brisbane za bodove protiv Brisbane City-a, dok ALEXANDER igra lokalni derbi sa Helasom.

NEREŠENA IGRA U PRESTONU

Prijateljska utakmica izmedju JUST-a i Makedonije, koja je okupila prilican broj navijaca, bila je ostru i uzbuđuju kao da se igralo za bodove. "Plavi" su bili tehnicki bolji, ali je Makedonija igrala borbeno i pozitivno punih 90 minuta. Sudija je dozvolio grubu ostru igru, zbog cega je izgubio kasnije kontrolu, pa se bralo rutim i crvenim kartonima. Makedonija je ustvari najbolje igrala posle izbacivanja Georgea McMillana, koji je udario O'Reilly-a dok je lezao na zemlji. Sa igracima manje Makedonija je izjednačila u 80. minutu i sa malo vise sportske sreće i iskustva mogla je da postigne pobednicki gol. Istina, posle odmore JUST-a, Makedonija je bila uspešna u igri, sto je pomoglo Makedoniji da u uspešni ravnotežu. Utakmica se završila 2:2. Strelci Vasic i Ollerton za JUST, Flavell i Lucchessi za Makedoniju.

U prvom predigri stariji juniori Makedonije pobedili su mlađe kolege JUST-a sa 8:0. U drugom predigri rezerva JUST-a je pobedila Makedoniju sa 2:1 (1:1). Ova utakmica je bila lepa i uzbuđuju, uglavnom ravnomerna. Strelci za JUST: Vlatko Belic i Dusan Atanasovski, Risteviski za Makedoniju.

Proslot cetvrtka uvece drugi tim JUST-a je pregazio Port Melbourne sa 5:2. Strelci: Vlatko Belic 3, Pavle Simic i Sulejman Curovic.

OSTALI REZULTATI

Tarax je gostovao u Berwicku, gde je pobedio domacina sa 3:2, iako je igrao bez prvotimaca, koji ne vole "provinciju". I popodnevnice utakmice. Pored pet prvotimaca (Draca Kazi, Kosovac, Timoty Bicki i Dragovic, Katanica) za Tarax je igrao kao gost juniora iz Dandenonga Ilija Kerezovic, koji je pre toga vec odigrao juniorsku utakmicu. Kad je cuo da Taraxoski govore njegovim jezikom, ponudio se da im pomogne, jer su bili kratki za igraoca. Strelci za Tarax: Stevan Kosovac 2 i Andrew Kazi iz penala. Za Berwick City je igrao bliski junior JUST-a Stevan Petrovic, koji je osnivač ovog kluba.

CHABUM KEEN IN KEEGAN'S CLASS?

Kevin Keegan isn't the only world-class foreign player in West Germany.

According to "Kicker" magazine in a recent poll, there is another — Eintracht Frankfurt winger Chabum Cha (or Cha-Bum as he is known) from South Korea.

Cha-Bum calls himself a disciple of Martin Luther King's teachings, is deeply religious, and actively tries to spread the Christian message through his football.

Before each game Cha-Bum prays that he will play well. He claims the

tough German training is much easier than in South Korea and regularly pushes himself through extra training.

Beside Keegan and Cha-Bum, the "Kicker" poll voted three other Bundesliga players as world-class.

They are right back Manfred Kaltz, Bayern Munich star Paul Breitner and his t-team-mate Karl-Heinz Rummenigge.

The Professional Footballers Association which lost its fight against the League with its unsuccessful

appeal against the 35 pound per man fine by Bob Stokoe on his entire Rochdale team for allegedly

"not trying". The decision could have far reaching circumstances if allowed to stand according to PFA

secretary Cliff Lloyd. But the PFA intend to appeal to an independent tribunal

From JIM COOK
our European correspondent

in a bid to reverse the decision.

Johnnes Edvaldsson, the Icelandic and Danish international who has been with Glasgow Celtic for the past five years and toured Australia with them in 1977, is to join American club Tulsa Roughnecks on March 20 for a mere fifty thousand pounds. Edvaldsson has been unable to command a regular place with Celtic this season.

Dundee turned down a near two hundred thousand pounds offer from Rangers for their Under 21 Scottish international striker Ian Redford. New Leicester City managed by former Rangers boss Jock Wallace and who already have 15 Scots on their books are set to dangle two hundred

and fifth thousand pounds to get Redford.

Scotland's first trip to Dublin for 10 years to play Ireland in an inter-league international on March 16, could be in jeopardy. Several players including two of Dundee United's starlets have indicated they will not go if selected.

Gary Mabbutt one of England's brightest youth prospects and a current first team player with Bristol City, has been told he is a diabetic. But 18 year old Mabbutt is still determined to reach the top even with the regular aid of the syringe and twice daily injections of insulin.

Bayern Munich appears to have lost some interest



Cha Bum Kuen

in Arsenal's midfield star Liam Brady after watching him play for Elre against England. Now it seems that Brady will go to Italy and A.S. Roma if he is quoted as saying "The first club to walk through Highbury's front door, name the right price and shake my hand can have him."



Liam Brady.

Provisional League Cup kicks off March 15.

The Preliminary round of the Victoria Provisional League Cup will be played on Saturday March 15. Kick-off time 2.45 p.m.

PRELIMINARY ROUND

Central Altona v Clifton Hill, University of Melbourne v East Brunswick

FIRST ROUND — Saturday March 22

Thornston v Rosanna, Rosebud v Melton, Moe United v Ballarat, Hawksburn v Postal Institute, Royal Park v North Geelong, Green-

sborough v Nunawading United, Sunbury United v University of Melbourne or East Brunswick, Berwick City v Bulleen, South Yarra v Hawthorn Citizens, Langwarrin v Mordialloc, South Oakleigh v Central Altona or Clifton Hill, Essendon City v Hamlyn Rangers, Shepparton City v Regent, Carlton v Boronia, Geelong v South Dandenong, Karling v Clayton.

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE (RESERVES) CUP

The Preliminary Round of

the Provisional League (Reserves) Cup will be played on Saturday 22nd March, 1990. Kick-off time will be 2.45 p.m.

PRELIMINARY ROUND

Rosanna v Bulleen, Shepparton City v Boronia, Hawthorn Citizens v Clayton, Royal Park v Thornston, Regent v Melton, Moe United v Hawksburn, Berwick City v South Yarra, University of Melbourne v Sunbury United, Nunawading United or Hamlyn Rangers v Regent or Melton, North Geelong v Moe United or Hawksburn.

SECOND ROUND — Satur-

day March 29

Rosanna or Bulleen v University of Melbourne or Sunbury United, South Dandenong v Central Altona, Berwick City or South Yarra v Royal Park or Thornston, Hawthorn Citizens or Clayton v Postal Institute, South Oakleigh v Greensborough, Langwarrin v Shepparton City or Boronia, Nunawading United or Hamlyn Rangers v Regent or Melton, North Geelong v Moe United or Hawksburn.

DISTRICT LEAGUE

DIVISION ONE

Round 1 — Sunday 13th April: Banksia v Cheltenham, West Melbourne v Mitcham United, Moonee Ponds v Brunswick City v Pascoe Vale, Yarraville v Altona United, Burnley v Brunswick City.

Round 2 — Sunday 20th April: Altona United v Burnley, Pascoe Vale v Yarraville, Central City v Monbulk, Mitcham United v Moonee Ponds, Brunswick v West Melbourne.

Round 3 — Sunday 27th April: West Melbourne v Banksia, Moonee Ponds v Cheltenham, Monbulk v Mitcham United, Yarraville v Central City, Burnley v Pascoe Vale, Altona United v Brunswick City.

Round 4 — Sunday 4th May: Pascoe Vale v Altona United, Central City v Burnley, Mitcham United v Yarraville, Brunswick City v West Melbourne, Cheltenham v Monbulk, Banksia v Moonee Ponds.

Round 5 — Sunday 11th May: Moonee Ponds v Banksia, Yarraville v Cheltenham, Burnley v Mitcham United, Altona United v Central City, Pascoe Vale v Brunswick City.

Round 6 — Sunday 18th May: Central City v Pascoe Vale, Mitcham United v Altona United, Brunswick City v Moonee Ponds, Cheltenham v Burnley, Banksia v Yarraville, West Melbourne v Monbulk City.

Round 7 — Sunday 25th May: Monbulk v Moonee Ponds, Yarraville v West Melbourne, Burnley v Banksia, Altona United v Cheltenham, Pascoe Vale v Brunswick City, Cheltenham v Central City v Brunswick City.

Round 8 — Sunday 31st May: International Match — Australia v England (Sydney).

Round 9 — Sunday 7th June: Mitcham United v Central City, Brunswick City v Monbulk, Cheltenham v Pascoe Vale, Banksia v Altona United, West Melbourne v Burnley, Moonee Ponds v Yarraville.

Sunday 15th June — Reserved for International Match (ASP).

Round 9 — Sunday 22nd June: Yarraville v Monbulk, Burnley v Moonee Ponds, Altona United v West Melbourne, Pascoe Vale v Banksia, Central City v Cheltenham, Mitcham United v Brunswick City.

Round 10 — Sunday 29th June: Brunswick City v Yarraville, Cheltenham v Mitcham United, West Melbourne v Pascoe Vale, Moonee Ponds v Altona United, Brunswick City v Monbulk.

DISTRICT LEAGUE

DIVISION TWO

Round 1 — Sunday 13th April: North Sunshine v East Carlton, Yarraville v West Brunswick, Hampton Wanderers v Ascot United, Diamond Creek v Central Brunswick, Vermont v Abbotsford Tassa, North Melbourne v North Sunshine v Ascot United.

Round 2 — Sunday 20th April: Abbotsford v North Melbourne, Central Brunswick v Vermont, Ascot United v Diamond Creek, West Brunswick v Hampton Wanderers, Malvern City v North Sunshine, East Carlton v Yarraville.

Round 3 — Sunday 27th April: Yarraville v North Sunshine, Hampton Wanderers v East Carlton, Diamond Creek v West Brunswick, Vermont v Ascot United, North Melbourne v Central Brunswick, Abbotsford Tassa v Malvern City.

Round 4 — Sunday 4th May: Central Brunswick v Abbotsford Tassa, Ascot United v North Melbourne, West Brunswick v Hampton Wanderers, East Carlton v Yarraville, North Sunshine v Malvern City.

Round 5 — Sunday 11th May: Hampton Wanderers v North Sunshine, Diamond Creek v East Carlton, North Melbourne v West Brunswick, Abbotsford Tassa v Ascot United, Central Brunswick v Malvern City.

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Round 10 — Sunday 29th June: Brunswick City v Yarraville, Cheltenham v Mitcham United, West Melbourne v Pascoe Vale, Moonee Ponds v Altona United, Brunswick City v Monbulk.

DISTRICT LEAGUE

DIVISION THREE

Round 1 — Sunday 13th April: Noble Park v Batman United, Clara v Murrumbidgee United, Port v United v Mossfield Rangers, Cranbourne v Balclutha, Baxter v Parkmore, West Geelong v Seaford United.

Round 2 — Sunday 20th April: Parkmore v West Geelong, Balclutha v Baxter, Mossfield Rangers v Cranbourne, Murrumbidgee United v Port, Seaford United v Noble Park, Batman United v Clara.

Round 3 — Sunday 27th April: Clara v Noble Park, Port United v Batman United, Cranbourne v Murrumbidgee United, Baxter v Mossfield Rangers, West Geelong v Balclutha, Parkmore v Seaford United.

Round 4 — Sunday 4th May: Balclutha v Parkmore, Mossfield Rangers v West Geelong, United v Baxter, Seaford United v Clara, Batman United v Cranbourne, Noble Park v Port United.

Round 5 — Sunday 11th May: Seaford United v Batman United, Clara v Noble Park, Port United v Cranbourne, Murrumbidgee United v Baxter, Mossfield Rangers v West Geelong, Balclutha v Parkmore, West Geelong v Seaford United.

Round 6 — Sunday 18th May: Ascot United v Central Brunswick, West Brunswick v Abbotsford Tassa, Malvern City v Hampton Wanderers, East Carlton v North Melbourne, North Sunshine v Diamond Creek, Central Brunswick v Vermont.

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Round 10 — Sunday 29th June: Brunswick City v Yarraville, Cheltenham v Mitcham United, West Melbourne v Pascoe Vale, Moonee Ponds v Altona United, Brunswick City v Monbulk.

DISTRICT LEAGUE

DIVISION FOUR

Round 1 — Sunday 13th April: Noble Park v Batman United, Clara v Murrumbidgee United, Port v United v Mossfield Rangers, Cranbourne v Balclutha, Baxter v Parkmore, West Geelong v Seaford United.

Round 2 — Sunday 20th April: Parkmore v West Geelong, Balclutha v Baxter, Mossfield Rangers v Cranbourne, Murrumbidgee United v Port, Seaford United v Noble Park, Batman United v Clara.

Round 3 — Sunday 27th April: Clara v Noble Park, Port United v Batman United, Cranbourne v Murrumbidgee United, Baxter v Mossfield Rangers, West Geelong v Balclutha, Parkmore v Seaford United.

Round 4 — Sunday 4th May: Balclutha v Parkmore, Mossfield Rangers v West Geelong, United v Baxter, Seaford United v Clara, Batman United v Cranbourne, Noble Park v Port United.

Round 5 — Sunday 11th May: Seaford United v Batman United, Clara v Noble Park, Port United v Cranbourne, Murrumbidgee United v Baxter, Mossfield Rangers v West Geelong, Balclutha v Parkmore, West Geelong v Seaford United.

Round 6 — Sunday 18th May: Ascot United v Central Brunswick, West Brunswick v Abbotsford Tassa, Malvern City v Hampton Wanderers, East Carlton v North Melbourne, North Sunshine v Diamond Creek, Central Brunswick v Vermont.

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Round 10 — Sunday 29th June: Brunswick City v Yarraville, Cheltenham v Mitcham United, West Melbourne v Pascoe Vale, Moonee Ponds v Altona United, Brunswick City v Monbulk.

Regional teams selection trials

Victorian junior trials will be held this month to select regional teams to enter the regional championships.

CENTRAL REGION

UNDER 12

Coach Mr H. Harrison 531 7446 (H)

Manager Mr S. Gainsford 696 4854 (B) Mr J. Dwyer 598 7676 (H)

Trials at Middle Park, Aughite Drive commencing 23.30 at 2.00 pm.

UNDER 13

Coach Mr W. Hill 249 9327

Trials at Bentley West Primary School, Brewer Road, Bentley 23.30 commencing at 2.00 pm.

UNDER 14

Coach Mr O. Gonza 95 5613

Manager Mr D. Kane 557 4215

Trials at Dendy Park, Brighton (Footy Oval Area) 23.30 at 2.00 pm.

UNDER 15

Coach Mr M. Viggant 592 6240

Trials at Dendy Park, Brighton (Senior Pitch Area) 23.30 at 2.00 pm.

PENINSULA REGION

UNDER 12

Coach Mr C. Fletcher 786 4408

Trials at Karlingal Soccer Ground 1st March at 1.00 pm.

UNDER 13

Coach Mr A. Hutchins 789 5612

Trials at Karlingal Soccer ground 1st March at 1.00 pm.

UNDER 14

Coach Mr B. Smith 791 1617

Trials to be held at Devon soccer ground 1st March at 1.00 pm.

UNDER 15

Coach Mr M. Hill 739 0651

Trials at Devon soccer ground 1st March at 1.00 pm.

DANDENONG REGION

UNDER 12

Coach Mr B. Abbey 221 3462 (H)

Trials to be held at 8th Avenue, Burwood 1st March at 2.45 pm.

UNDER 13

Coach Mr N. Wood 733 7848 (H)

Manager Mr L. Hearn 560 6078 (H)

Trials to be held at Clayton Road, Clayton 8th March onwards.

UNDER 14

Coach Mr B. Lange 792 3578 (H)

Trials to be held at St. Paschals, Box Hill on 1st March at 10.00 am.

UNDER 15

Coach Mr J. Senior 842 6068 (H)

Trials to be held at Box Hill 11 am 2nd March, on 1st March at 10.00 am.

NORTHERN REGION

UNDER 12

Coach Mr J. Ramljac 379 7331 (H)

Trials to be held at Wallace Reserve, Moreland on 1st March at 11.00 am.

UNDER 13

Coach Mr L. Foulkes 338 2063 (H)

Trials to be held at Kings Street, Broadmeadows 1st March at 2.00 pm.

UNDER 14

Coach Mr G. Train 338 8757 (H)

Trials to be held at Carr, Broadhurst and Redford Streets, Reservoir 1st March at 10.00 am.

UNDER 15

Coach Mr S. Hackett 495 5487 (H)

Trials to be held at Gabonia Ave, Watsonia 1st March at 10.00 am.

Coordinator details for regional information: Central Mrs M. Kane 557 4215 (H), Dandenong Mr G. Crossley 338 2558 (H), Dandenong Mr L. Hearn 560 6078 (H), Peninsula Mr S. Phillips 789 5124 (H), Western Mrs E. Slack 741 2337 (H).

FORDE AND ATSALES CHALDI'S PROTEGES

By LAURIE SCHWAB



Eric Carruthers



Gerry Chaldi

Former Israeli international Shraga Topolanski and 18-year-old Tom Forde Jnr are the new centre backs in Gerry Chaldi's restructured West Adelaide team.

Other new players include midfielder Eric Carruthers who returned "home" last week from APIA, and young Steve Atsales from West's second team.

Topolanski and Forde replace Con Kambas who has decided to return to Greece, and David Jones who has joined Adelaide City.

Chaldi this week predicted a bright future for Atsales and Forde.

"If I can help make them effective first team players, I will have been successful in my work at West Adelaide," Chaldi says.

"These two are the equivalent of a \$20,000 investment on the transfer market." The first time Chaldi saw Forde, he was playing as striker in West's second team.

"I liked what I saw. Something clicked inside me," Chaldi said. "I called him over and asked his name."

"I hadn't known that he was the son of Tom Forde, who coached West Adelaide last year."

Forward George Koullanos is another young player who claims to be the first team but he has been knocking on the door for two years now. Chaldi hopes that with extra application and by showing more initiative, Koullanos finally will make it this year.

Chaldi will push Peter Boyle from midfield into a more attacking position.

And he says Neil McGachey will be back in action within six weeks. McGachey's leg was broken so badly in a game against Adelaide City last year that it

seemed unlikely he would ever play again.

"He's recovered from the injury and he looks in great shape. I hope we'll see him back at his best this year," Chaldi said.

Peter Boyle was a prolific goalscorer in Scotland, so his move to West's front line could take part of the load off John Kosmina and Graham Honeyman.

Carruthers, the former Derby County (UK) player who left West Adelaide in 1978 to join APIA, will take Boyle's place in midfield.

Chaldi admired Carruthers' play at APIA, particularly in the first half of last season, and is confident he can stabilise West's midfield.

Vic Bozanic, currently in Noumea with the Australian youth team, will play left back. Up to four players will contest the right back position.

Barry Reynolds, Peter Tymoczyn, Chilean recruit Carlos Villazon who is expected to arrive soon, and

perhaps Ian McGregor.

Chaldi basked in the luxury of having orthodox wingers (Stive and Watson) at Sydney City, and although he remains on the lookout for such players, he is resigned to playing without wingers at West.

"Sydney City players with wingers, it plays one-touch, with the ball on the ground. That's what I've been used to," he said.

West will lose three men — striker Graham Norris and midfielder Gordon McCulloch who are available for transfer and striker Dave Pillans who has retired.

Norris, a regular goalscorer, played for Western Suburbs in Sydney before joining West Adelaide. He scored nine league goals for Western Suburbs in 1977, four for West Adelaide in 1978 and seven last year. He also has scored one Cup goal, giving him a total of 21. This puts him among the top 20 scorers in the league, on aggregate over three seasons.

Vic Smythe joins City

Adelaide City last week signed striker Vic Smythe, 24, the George Best of the South Australian First Division.

Smythe may not be able to match Best's drinking, but he is similar to the Irish star in his lanky build, his long hair and his subtle ball control.

"His careless attitude to the game has been reminiscent of Best," Adelaide City coach Rale Rasic said this week.

"But he now is determined to work hard to succeed in top soccer and I see a great future for the kid. He is very tall and dangerous in the air. In many ways he reminds me of Branko Buljevic but Smythe has the advantage of working with both feet."

"He is a very fast, explosive player, who not only scores goals but also is a matchmaker."

Smythe was born in Ireland but came to Adelaide as a boy. He played for Beograd and then Assur, from where Adelaide City bought him.

City has signed another brilliant ball player, Luis Casimiro, 19, a winger from Timor.

He escaped from the war in Timor and went to Indonesia for a year. He then had a year in Portugal before moving to Darwin where he played for Casuarina, under coach Manuel DeCruz, a former Adelaide City player. It was DeCruz who recommended Casimiro to City.

"This boy is very fast and he has incredible skill. He's been turning our defenders inside out at training," Rasic said.

"All we need is to prepare him physically for the tough Phillips League competition."

3 by Incantalupo

Juventus (Vic.) beat West Geelong 4-2 after extra time in the final of the Sitar Cup at Geelong on Sunday.

Juventus played without Bobby McGuinness, Peter Vaughan, George Gillan and Fausto Tarquinio.

The score after 90 minutes was 2-2 and Juventus added two more during extra time.

Fabio Incantalupo scored three goals and David Cocorocchio one.

Derek Barron seeks move

George Cross defender Derek Barron, 23, is seeking a transfer.

Barron, a former Glasgow Celtic apprentice who has been with George Cross for four years, can be contacted on 398 1785.

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CROOK HONORED

Martyn Crook of West Adelaide, the 'Soccer Action' goalkeeper of the Year in 1979, was presented with his award in Adelaide this week.

Crook was given a magnificent Selko quartz watch (pictured) from Konstantine Jewel Box, sponsor of the award.

Konstantine Jewel Box is at 183 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne. The presentation was delayed when Crook toured China and Taiwan with the Australian team.

Crook, with six points, was clear winner of the award. One point was awarded each week to the top goalkeeper in the Phillips League championship.

Crook has been perhaps the most consistent goalkeeper over the three seasons of the PSL.

He was a key player when West Adelaide won the PSL

championship in 1978, and has represented South Australia as well as Australia.

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Martyn Crook

DIXIE DEANS SENT OFF

WEST ADELAIDE 1 (Dooley 22 mins), ADELAIDE CITY 1 (Marocchi, 18 mins). Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd: 2,500.

Cautions: West — Honeyman, Boyle, Kosmina, Tymoczyn. City — Basil, Deans (sent off).

WEST: Crook 7, Reynolds 7, Tymoczyn 7, Forde 7, Topolanski 8, Dooley 7, Boyle 7, Atsales 7, Kosmina 7, McGregor 7, Honeyman 7.

CITY: Marshall 7, Russell 7, Malta 7, Basil 7, Jones 7, Perin 8, Muniz 6 (Casimiro), Smythe 6 (Muir 7), Deans 8, J. Nyakohus 7, Marocchi 7.

South Australian soccer fans must be wondering whether Adelaide's two "professional" clubs — West Adelaide and Adelaide City — are capable of playing against each other without incident.

The two PSL clubs met last Saturday in a trial game which both will want to forget quickly.

Seven players were booked and City's Dixie Deans was sent off in the 1-1 draw.

After last year's controversial incidents involving the two

clubs, the 2,500 fans were hoping they could see a clean, spirited trial.

But instead the match degenerated into a personal vendetta.

The only two highlights were Garry Marocchi's magnificent eighteenth minute goal — a dipping, fiercely-struck volley which would have beaten any goalkeeper in the country — and a neat equaliser from Garry Dooley in the 22nd minute after Graham Honeyman had made the opening.

Other plusses were the form of Marocchi and John Perin for City, and Shraga Topolanski and Steve Atsales for West.

Perin, however, took the gloss off his performance with some unnecessary centre-field antics.

Deans' expulsion came in the 80th minute when he struck Kosmina on the side of the face after the former World Cup player had tackled him unfairly, injuring a leg.

One of the many tasteless moments was the incessant booing of City centre back David Jones, who transferred from West during the off season.

Jones, a member of West's 1978 premiership team, simply didn't deserve such treatment. — MENO TOUTSIDIS

Blacktown beats Sydney City

Phillips League newcomer Blacktown City had a morale-boosting 3-1 victory over Sydney City in a practice match on Sunday.

In another practice game, Marconi beat APIA 1-0.

Blacktown achieved its victory despite the absence of Ian Hunter, Jim Izatt, Bill Amey, Paul Wilkinson and George Harris.

Harris, who broke an arm before leaving St George, is back in training and should be ready for the second match of the season. He can't play in the first game because he has to serve a suspension.

Blacktown led Sydney City 3-0 after a first half that was even in general play. Sydney City, which was at full strength, took command after half time but Mick Jones' boys held on gamely.

Peter Cuk scored two of Blacktown's goals, the other being an own goal by Sydney City player-coach Eddie Thomson.

It was a great effort by Blacktown, which

had lost 0-5 to Marconi the week before.

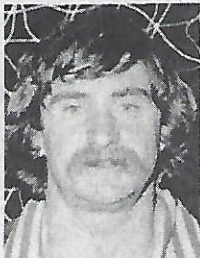
Blacktown's best players were Dave Harding, Cliff Pointer and Alan Fisher.

Bruce Stowell, the former Pan Hellenic star, played centre back for part of the game, before being replaced by another veteran, Barry Campbell.

But coach Jones hopes to sign a new player for the second centre-back position alongside Pointer.

He has had talks with Keith Schuman of Sutherland and will approach Adelaide City this week for transfer-listed Jim Muir.

Blacktown's line-up was: Bruce James — Neil Taylor, Bruce Stowell (Barry Campbell), Cliff Pointer, Warren Turnbull — Dave Harding (Phil Dalton), Ricky Hormazabal, Carlos Ortega — Peter Cuk, Alan Fisher (David Batan), Steve Pollard.



Warren Turnbull — transferred to Blacktown from APIA

Harry Williams only bright spot

BRISBANE CITY 2 (Palinkas, 25th, Confessore 83rd) CANBERRA CITY 1 (McLaren 8th) at Perry Park. Crowd: About 1000. Weather — overcast and humid. Referee — C. Amos. Cautions Coyne (BC).

BRISBANE CITY — Coe, Perry, Potter, Ratcliffe, Wilkinson, Gaffney, Sneddon (Runje, 37th, who was replaced by Caldwell 81st), Haberle (Coyne 14th), Palinkas, Kelslow (Confessore 77th).

CANBERRA CITY — Hoszowski, M. O'Shea, R. O'Shea, Starik (Milovanovic 65th), Williams, Kawalec, J. O'Shea, Gignold (Rele, 63rd), McLaren, Brennan, Byrne.

In a Phillips League trial, which proved

absolutely nothing, the long suffering public who have to fork out \$3 a time, Brisbane City drew Canberra City 2-1 with the winning goal coming from youngster Dominic Confessore, who is not even in City's PSL squad.

In the muggy conditions, both sides looked sadly short of condition, passing was dreadful and goalscoring chances few and far between.

Brisbane City had signed midfielders John Haberle and David Sneddon the day before. Both are from New Zealand national league club Eastern Suburbs, and have played for the national side.

But they may as well not have played on Sunday. Haberle lasted only 14 minutes before being replaced and Sneddon was there only 23 minutes longer. Under the circumstances, however, it would be unfair to criticise both at this early stage.

Before being replaced, Haberle caused the Canberra City goal in the 8th minute, when he was robbed by Don McLaren, who raced away to beat Martin Coe.

The most pleasing part from Canberra's point of view was the fitness and aggressive form of former Socceroo fullback Harry Williams, who looks set for a big season.

Following a free kick to the right of the box, Joe Palinkas attempted a long range drive, which seemed destined for Steve Hoszowski's arms, but the ball bounced just before him, ricocheted off his shoulder and into the net for the equaliser.

Such was the standard of football displayed in this match, I am loth to award player rating points, so in the circumstances, I would give each player the standard six for an "average performance".

— BRUCE WARDELL